

PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO SNOOKIE SMITH

One of the most peculiar accidents that has been noted in this community happened to Snookie, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, Sr.

During the holidays some boys of the neighborhood had some large fire crackers to celebrate Christmas with and the exploded shells were left on the ground. Among the pieces Snookie found one that evidently failed to explode though he thought it was a "dud". As lads will, he picked it up to play with and carried it into the house and on up to his room. He put it into his mouth as though it were a cigar and struck a match to the fuse. Immediately it sizzled and back-fired into his mouth and throat, but did not explode. The lad was in the house by himself, but ran to the home of Mrs. Milton Haas, where he told her the top of his head was blown away. He was bleeding profusely and suffering greatly so Mrs. Haas called Dr. Tonelli and between them they dressed his burns and lacerations. Unless complications set in he will soon be out again. It was lucky for him that the cracker had been wet and failed to explode.

NEW FILLING STATION ON MARSHALL LOT

The large lot east of the City Hall is to be improved by having a large filling station erected thereon. The building will be built of brick and concrete and will be of ample proportions to handle all supplies usually carried in such places. Attached to the building will be a large shed sufficient to cover several cars at a time while they are being supplied. The adjoining grounds will be set to lawn grass and flower beds that will add greatly to the sightliness of this corner.

E. R. Smith, formerly with the Texas Oil Company at Cape Girardeau will be in charge of the station when completed. The Sikeston Concrete Tile Construction Co. will put up the building and work to start immediately.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ALREADY SECURED

Dr. P. C. Somerville, Professor of English Literature at Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington, has been secured by Supt. Roy V. Ellise for the 1923 Commencement Address to the graduates of Sikeston High School. Prof. Somerville is a well-known lecturer in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Before settling down in the chair of English at Wesleyan, he was a successful football coach, having played four years at Depauw, where he took his college work and A. M. degree. He is a man of commanding physique and pleasing personality, whom very few equal and none surpass as an orator for school occasions. This year's class will number nearly forty. The date of the exercises will be Thursday night, May 17th.

If we obey only the kind of laws we like—that means anarchy.

The idea that a mayor or chief of police is at liberty to permit any law or ordinance to be violated is monstrous.—Pres. Benjamin Harrison.

The S. E. Wilson public sale held south of Sikeston Monday was very satisfactory to Mr. Wilson. R. A. McCord was the auctioneer and said bidding was good all along the line.

The Cosmopolitan Club won the boys' basketball tournament at Chillicothe Business College while the girl championship went to the students from Northeast Missouri. Now Coach Neal is busy selecting his college team.

The new High School building at Diehlstadt will be dedicated Friday evening, January 12, 1923. The addresses will be given by Rev. R. L. Jenkins of Charleston, M. E. Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, and Attorney Tom Brown of Charleston. Special music for the occasion will be had. This building is a model school building with commodious rooms, auditorium and all conveniences. It is a tribute of progress to that community that means much to the boys and girls who are desirous of a high school education. The public is invited to be present.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

A few days ago a Southeast Missourian received the following letter from a friend of his in the southern part of our district, which pictures very clearly the immigration from the south, which is due largely as a result of the southern advertising by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau:

"It is a sight to see the cotton-growers coming from the south. Last Friday, I counted 52 wagons and three trucks right close together, and about a mile and a half off to the north, were six more wagons. Every freight train has from one to three cars; the locals always have a few. All of this immigration is scattered from Morley and Vanduser south. Yesterday, a total of 62 persons, including children, moved to Lilbourn. Last Saturday, the main street of Lilbourn looked like Broadway at Cape Girardeau."

A conference of the cotton-growers of Southeast Missouri has been called at Sikeston, January 11, for the purpose of discussing co-operative marketing of cotton in Southeast Missouri. Each farm bureau in the district has appointed three men to act as delegates from their county to this conference, and all cotton growers are urged to be present. Some prominent officials of the American Cotton Growers Exchange will be present, as well as Mr. Henry, president of the Arkansas Cotton Growers Association, to tell the Southeast Missouri growers of the advantages they have derived from marketing cotton co-operatively. At this meeting, it will, in all probability, be decided whether or not Southeast Missouri will join this co-operative movement.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, held at Charleston, Wednesday of last week, it was decided that the Bureau would stand back of a constructive immigration bill and urge the passage of same during the present session of the State Legislature. Such a bill was proposed and voted upon at the last Legislature, but failed to carry by one vote. The Bureau takes the stand that such a bill would be of material advantage to the state of Missouri as well as Southeast Missouri, and since other states are doing similar work to attract people to their respective localities, that Missouri should not be in the background. A committee, composed of Thad Snow, chairman, D. H. Brown and A. I. Foard, was appointed by President Montgomery to assist in bringing about the introduction of such a bill by the State Legislature.

The first exhibit material to enter the halls of the State Capitol at Jefferson City, in connection with the state exhibit which is being installed by the State Museum Commission, came from Southeast Missouri in the form of a full-sized, 500 pound cotton bale, from Caruthersville. The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau is furnishing the State Commission with a considerable amount of exhibit material, including 80 photographs, a bale of cotton, and a large amount of sheaf grains and grasses, as well as other agricultural products grown in the Southeast Missouri district.

Miss Dot Adams of Villa Ridge, Ill., and Rex Adams of Mounds City, Ill., spent the week-end with their sister, Miss Stella Adams.

H. C. Halley, an employee of the State Highway Department in this city, left Tuesday noon for Jefferson City, where he will be employed by the State Highway Department at the capitol.

You laugh at prohibition laws; the libertine laughs at the marriage laws;—watch that your son does not laugh at all laws! Let's quit laughing at any laws.—Col. Dan Morgan Smith.

Wade Anderson, prominent stockman and planter of Commerce, who with Norvall Anderson, merchant of Commerce, was in Cairo on business yesterday, said that 500 acres of cotton was raised by himself and others in the neighborhood of Commerce in 1922. They did well with the crop and expect to put out still more this year, he said. Memphis cotton brokers are already offering to contract for the 1923 crops at 26 cents a pound, he stated. Mr. Anderson was interested in the cotton meeting to be held at Mound City tomorrow and said there was no reason why cotton should not grow as well here as across the river.—Cairo Bulletin.

Extraordinary Sale of Dresses!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

Beginning Friday, January 12th, we will offer to the women of Southeast Missouri choice of our high grade stock of dresses at the following ridiculous prices:

35 beautiful dresses, consisting of Velvets, Tricotines and Taffetas, worth \$22.50—now

\$10.00

These prices are for
CASH

25 Finkelstein and Mme. Renauld that sold up to \$39.75—now

\$24.75

These prices are for
CASH

A limited number of \$12.00 and \$15.00 gowns for quick sale

\$5.00

STUBBS CLOTHING CO.

Milem Building

Sikeston, Missouri

NEGRO FARMERS BEING INTIMIDATED

The Sikeston District has been hard hit during the past three years on account of one thing or another. At this time the farmer is making preparations for the spring planting and feels cheerful over the outlook. The merchants have taken the cue and are talking of the future with renewed hopes. Now comes the irresponsible nobody with a stick of dynamite and anonymous note warning negro families, who are here to raise cotton, to "git". Families on Hal Galeener's farm across Little River beyond Tanner, have received this sort of a calling card. No community is safe and will ever be prosperous as long as loafers frighten workers away from their jobs. These negro families may be the saviors of agriculture in this section and they should be protected. It should be the duty of every law abiding citizen to discourage this sort of intimidation and give protection to these workers. These negroes are not looking for social conquests but are cotton negro farmers who are trying to make a living by the sweat of their brow.

Mrs. Wallace Applegate entertained with Bridge Wednesday afternoon at her beautiful home on Park Ave. Let everyone remember that he who violates the laws of the land tramples on the blood of the forefathers and tears assunder the character of his own children's liberty.—Abraham Lincoln.

The vaudeville show put on by the Lion's Club and some young ladies at the opera house Wednesday night, was a decided success in every way. T. A. Wilson was the director of the evening and every number on the program was thoroughly enjoyed. The star of the evening was little Louis Stubbs, the youngest of the Stubbs brothers and he was a "scream". The money realized from this entertainment will be used by the Lions in the further advancement of Sikeston.

MUSICAL RECITAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

The second of a series of recitals will be given by 13 pupils of Mrs. H. J. Welsh in the Methodist church parlor Saturday, January 13 at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Following is the program:

"Friendship Waltz".....Sheabog
Ruth Inez Felker
Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffman".....Offenbach-Kern
Marie Marshall
"Marguerite at the Spinning Wheel".....Harmston
Mary Baker
"Spanish Dance".....Rathbun
Tylene Kendall
"O Thou Sublime Evening Star".....Wagner-Tonelli
Thelma Lennox
"Minuet".....Beethoven
Louise Shields
"In the Land of Sunshine".....Huerter
Grace Decker
"Serenade Sans Paroles".....Meyer-Helmund
Lucille Mount
"Heliotope".....Sulze-O'Neil
Mary Allison Purcell
"Birdies Message".....Ferber
Gladys Ross
"Minuet A L'Antico".....Seeböck
Evelyn Smith
"The Pompadours Fan".....Cadman
Vivian Jackson
"Prelude".....De Koven
Bonnie Keith

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard is very ill at her home on 422 Dorothy street.

Louie Shields of Point Pleasant was in Sikeston Monday on his way to Cape Girardeau to attend Court.

Any law looks blue to the man who wants to violate it; and all that any criminal asks is To Be Let Alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rodgers and son and Miss Vanetta Wellman of Benton were visitors to the J. L. Tanner family on Sunday. Miss Ruth Denman and Randol Wilson and family were also guests.

CO-WORKERS MEET ELECT OFFICERS

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black Tuesday evening with Mrs. Black and Mrs. H. J. Welsh as hostesses. It was a very profitable meeting and reports of the treasurer showed the finances to be very satisfactory. It was voted to donate \$100 to have the pipe organ tuned and \$50 was appropriated to purchase dishes for the dining room.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was in order and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., was chosen president; Mrs. C. A. Cook, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Smith, secretary; Mrs. Hardy Smith, treasurer; Mrs. T. B. Mather, press superintendent; Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. A. C. Sikes, resolutions committee.

At the next regular meeting to be held at the church the tacking of quilts will be the order of the day and all members are requested to attend.

R. Q. Jennings and family have moved their household goods to Chaffee where he has been transferred.

S. B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday morning on his way to Dexter to attend a bank director's meeting. From there he will double back to Morehouse for another bank director's meeting.

That part of the special article on cotton raising in Southeast Missouri printed in the St. Louis Star last Sunday stating that Sikeston had never had a gin was a mistake. Mrs. Kate Harris, living on the Kingshighway at the south edge of town, informs The Standard that cotton was raised on the farm where she now lives back in 1858 at that time John Sikes had a gin in Sikeston. Later, after the Civil War, Smith & Applegate owned a gin which burned, and still later C. D. Matthews, Sr., owned a gin which he dismantled when cotton raising ceased in this community.

SIKESTON YOUTHS KILL SMALL HOGS

Oscar Deal, a farmer living near Matthews, lost three sandy pigs Thursday of last week and reported same to Constable Burks of Sikeston, giving him a description of the pigs. Constable Burks suspicioned Lonnie Hale and Ira Jones, who he learned were out hunting that day. He scouted around the Jones home on R. 1st Street and in the wood shed found the three dead pigs, two of them skinned, the third partially skinned. All three had been killed with a shot gun. He was so close on to the boys that they left their meat on the block and sought to escape.

Burks followed one of the boys but he escaped in the darkness in an old car. It is believed two more boys are implicated, their names being withheld for further proof. The pigs weighed about 110 pounds each and were fat and fine.

The names of these two boys have been mentioned before as law breakers and it seems they are determined to break into the penitentiary.

SIKESTON DEFEATS CAPE GIRARDEAU

A fast, but one-sided game of basketball was played last Friday night at the Mecca Hall in Sikeston between Sikeston High School and Teachers College of Cape Girardeau, which added another victory to the list for Sikeston, the score being 30 to 5.

The local quintets played a game that was noted for its speed and team work. The everlasting bulldog tenacity was shown by the team throughout the game. Crain, the unexcelled forward, was, perhaps the star of the evening as he executed especially good floor work and had the same spirit that he carried with him thru the last two football seasons. Coach Lingle, in the second half, after seeing the victory with our boys, substituted Stubbs, Lancaster and Bomber.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI DIES

St. Louis, January 10.—Lon V. Stephens former governor and state treasurer of Missouri and nationally known in Democratic circles, died at his home here today from heart trouble. He was 64 years old. He served as State Treasurer from 1890 to 1897 and was governor from 1897 to 1901. It is said he was the first native Missourian to be elected governor. Mr. Stephens was interested in several banking and mercantile establishments.

First Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School. Classes for all ages and grades.

11:00—Morning worship. Good spiritual singing led by choir. The pastor will speak from Rom. 1:8. "I thank my God through Jesus Christ that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world."

6:30—B. Y. P. U. meets for Bible Study and social worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service followed by sermon by pastor.

Let us all go to the House of the Lord and be glad and make others glad.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Patriots stand for re-enforcement of law.

The load of horses and mules sold at the John A. Matthews wagon yard Saturday sold at a very low price. They were shipped from the St. Louis stock yards.

It isn't always the largest package that contains the most values. It is said one drop of prussic acid on a cat's tongue will kill the animal before it can bat its eye. Same way with a newspaper. It is the contents that counts. Frequently an inch paragraph gets results far beyond expectations. Read The Standard.

In last week's issue of The Standard, the editor says he was shown a letter from Tom Scott, Deputy Sheriff of Scott County, asking to have Steve Riddle to be held to the circuit court under \$1000.00 bond. But he failed to state who handed him the said letter. I am the lad who handed the letter to The Standard man. Billy Kirkendall, the high sheriff, is the lad who accepted the \$300 cash bond and I don't think Billy is not scared a little bit as the editor intimates. I know I am not.—J. C. Lescher.

NEGRO RESTAURANT AGAIN DYNAMITED

A few years ago Dr. E. J. Malone erected an unsightly shack, on the lot owned by him on the corner by the Hotel Marshall into which he put a negro restaurant keeper. This joint was, and is, unsightly, unsanitary and dangerous to the surrounding property. A few months thereafter some inexperienced patriot placed a stick of dynamite under the back door and touched it off. The result was not what was hoped for and little damage was done to the pile of old tin and lumber. The negroes in charge took the hint that such a roost was not wanted in that locality and left the city. Instead of the City Council condemning the shack and having it torn away, Dr. Malone was permitted to repair same and have it ready for another renter. For months it was idle, but with the influx of negro families from the South to this section to go on farms to raise cotton, Dr. Malone got another negro renter who started a barber shop and eating place in his building.

Tuesday night at the dead hour of 12:00 when goblins and spooks are supposed to walk, an explosion occurred in this same restaurant at about the same spot with no better results. A hole 18x20 inches was torn through the second hand tin on top, window glass broken, paper and dirt scattered all over the room, but the old building still stands as a monument to progressiveness of the builder.

The dynamiting of this shack the second time should be a hint that no negro restaurant is wanted in such a prominent place and Dr. Malone should take the hint and remove the dangerous and unsightly pile of old lumber and old tin from the prominent place it occupies.

The blowing up of any building anywhere is a very dangerous piece of business that should not be tolerated, for if the perpetrators get away with it this time they may try it on a better building some other time.

No disturbance of any sort has been reported from this neighborhood and no blame should be placed on the renters. If censure is made it should be directed towards the man who would stick such a joint under the nose of the public.

VISITORS AT THE CATHOLIC RECTORY

Visitors to Sikeston during the past week were the Rev. P. J. Dooley and W. A. Stock of St. Louis. They stopped at St. Francis Xavier's Rectory, the guests of the pastor, Father Woods.

Since the return of Father Woods from the United States Army, where he served as Chaplain during the late war, he has been engaged in Social Welfare, making his headquarters at Holy Name parish in North St. Louis. His work in this capacity brought him into close contact with all classes, winning their confidence and esteem.

Father Woods as delighted with his promotion to Sikeston and much impressed by the progressive activities of the city.

Rev. P. J. Dooley has succeeded to the post of Social Service Work in Holy Name parish. W. A. Stock is president of the Stock Undertaking Co., and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is a hard matter to keep all the Blantons down. Harrison Blanton and two brothers, Warrin and Earne, are in jail at Catlettsburg, Ky., for killing Paul Herron, who killed Paw Blanton. We don't know whether they are white or black, but believe they are in bad.

All Government is a Republic, rests upon obedience to law. Disregard for law tears down the very basis of Free Government. It is gratifying that most citizens whether they approve of prohibition or not are observing the prohibition law. Disregard for law is the foundation of anarchy.—Joseph Daniels.

More than 500 farmers and breeders raising all kinds of domestic animals answered questions sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture and from these replies it has been determined that these men consider pure breeds 40 per cent better from a utility standpoint than common stock. They say that off-spring of pure breeds are worth practically 50 per cent more in sale value than the offspring of grades and scrubs. Also, pure breeds were found in nearly all cases to be more readily salable.

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Elph McCullough of Morley for
Superintendent of Schools of Scott
County, subject to the will of the vot-
ers at the April, 1923, election.We are authorized to announce Jno.
H. Goodin of Benton for Superintend-
ent of Schools of Scott County, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
April, 1923, election.Women of the United States wear
more than 1,600,000 styles of shoes.
This accounts for the 1,600,000 rea-
sons why women are hard to please
in selecting shoes.Skeston has a real negro flapper.
She is brown color, wears knee
length brown dress, uses rouge, hair
a la Pompadour, sways and twists
as she ambles down the streets and
a-ways and is the apple of the eye of
every buck in town. She's a cutter!Whisperings of probable failure of
business houses never helped any
community and will not help yours.
The same can be said of the choice
 morsels of gossip that is floating
around. It will not hurt the man, but
may put the finishing touches to the
girl. Think of the fable of the fox
and the grapes, and forget it.The Caruthersville Republican is
for sale, the editor, Katherine Yeater
Smith, gives as a reason the ill health
of her husband. It is Republican in
politics and the only Republican pa-
per in the county. The Standard will
not lose Mrs. Smith as she is a
woman of no mean ability.A bill designed to help break up
bootlegging by making the buyer of
outlaw liquor equally guilty with the
seller was introduced Saturday by
Representative Upshaw, Democrat, of
Georgia, who recently charged in the
House that public officials did not all
practice what they preach in regard
to prohibition. If such a law should
be passed it would have a tendency to
take away the market of the boot-
legger. The man who buys the illegal
liquor is encouraging law breaking
and is equally guilty.The meanest man ever in town has
just been discovered in Skeston.
Without using names, the story goes
that a well established bootlegger
who has been delivering wholesale to
local retailers, had a supposed stran-
ger approach his car on the road north
of Skeston a few evenings ago and
display some sort of mettle check that
was taken for a policeman's badge.
The wholesaler believing he was about
to be arrested, fled into the adjoining
field and made good his escape. That
was just what the retailer was after.
He at once got into the abandoned
car and drove it to town where he
confiscated 28 gallons of hooch with-
out paying a cent and the wholesaler
is in no position to have him arrested
for stealing."Harding Is Deeply Concerned" Over
Turn of Events in Europe", is the
sore head over an article in Sunday's
Globe-Democrat. And well he may be.
It was the actions of him and his po-
litical cohorts who refused to enter
the League of Nations that caused
conditions in Europe to be as they are.
On top of the President's anxiety
comes the news that Jim Reed has
put through a resolution asking that
all United States troops now in Ger-
many be brought home. Instead of
this resolution, if one had been passed
asking to have five army divisions
made ready to back France in her de-
mands for payment from Germany,
the effect would have been to settle
matters in that country. Germany
took all the horses, cows, sheep, goats
and other live stock in occupied
France and now howls because she
does not want to restore this stock.
Germany never intended to pay
France the awards given her and for
that reason ran the price of the mark
down to almost zero. Germany was
not destroyed, nor even damaged, in
the war but is the greatest cry-baby
in history. She should be made to
pay or be dissolved as a nation.Happenings of Current Interest
Basis of "Reported Missing" PlotNo better story for motion picture
purposes has ever been utilized than
the tale which forms the basis of "Re-
ported Missing", the Owne Moore
picture which is to be presented at
the Malone Theatre tonight, Friday,
January 12.Richard Boyd (Owne Moore)
comes into possession of the Boyd
Shipping Company by inheritance.
This company has an option on a
huge fleet of ships which is much
sought after by a scheming Oriental
shipping magnate. Young Boyd, who
has been an idler, does not seem to
care whether Oman, the man in ques-
tion gets the ships or not. In fact he
doesn't seem to enjoy anything ex-
cept a good time. The early scenes
showing Boyd after a wild night are
full of laughs. Pauline Dunn, who is
more than ordinarily interested in
Boyd, determines to make him get
down to business. She urges him to
save the ships for America. Boyd
agrees to this and gives his word that
he will exercise his option. This in-
furiates Oman who determines to kid-
nap Boyd. This he does and is com-
pelled to also kidnap Pauline who
raises an outcry when Boyd is spirited
away. The two are put aboard a
ship which goes to sea, with the in-
tention of keeping Boyd out of the
way until the option expires. A storm
comes up and the ship is stranded.Pauline's uncle demands that Oman
return the girl. This the Oriental
agrees to do. He searches for the
lost ship and upon finding it sails for
home in his high powered boat with
the girl aboard. In the meanwhile
young Boyd is rescued by the crew of
a battleship. He gives chase to Oman
in a Navy hydroplane. Oman wins
the race, however, and makes the girl
a captive, hoping to hold her and in
this way make Boyd give him the
option.The young man fearing for the girl,
agrees to do this and goes to Oman's
house to carry out his part of the
bargain. However, on his way he ad-
vises some of his friends from the
battleship of his intentions. They ad-
vise him to fight it out and not give
up his option. With their assistance
he succeeds in getting the better of
Oman. In the fight at the house the
Oriental is killed. Boyd rescues the
girl and later exercises his option.John B. Henderson, Jr., a son of
the late Senator Henderson of Mis-
souri died unexpectedly in Washing-
ton, D. C., Thursday of last week, fol-
lowing an attack of acute indigestion.
Henderson, a widower, lived with his
mother in "Henderson Castle", one of
the show places of Washington on
Sixteenth street. His business activi-
ties consisted in management of the
large Henderson estate. He is sur-
vived by one daughter, Beatrice, 16.
He was born at Louisiana, Mo.A man in Gratz, Austria, who had
hanged himself from a tree, was cut
down by a farmer. During the opera-
tion one of his legs was broken caus-
ed by his landing in a ditch. He sued
the farmer for hospital expenses. The
lower court granted his demand. The
superior court, however, considered
that the farmer had done a good turn
to the man who wanted to die, and
his duty as a Christian citizen. The
higher court held that he could not be
held responsible for the consequences
of his act and denied the would-be
suicide his claim.A perusal of the books in the office
of Recorder Lee J. Welman reveals
the fact that a large volume of busi-
ness was handled there during the
twelve months that closed last Sunday.
Besides the many little things that
are required of the recorder, and also
the hundreds of instruments not list-
ed here, we found that the following
had been recorded: Six wills, nine
corporation deeds, five hundred thirty-
three warranty deeds, twenty-six
sheriff's deeds, one executor's deed,
thirty trust deeds, ninety-six quit
claim deeds, five guardian deeds, six
administrator deeds, one deed of
adoption and three hundred ninety-
three chattel mortgages.—Benton
Democrat.Newspapers should not be taken be-
cause the editor can be wound around
your finger. Such an editor isn't
worth the powder to blow him over
the fence. You should be big enough
to take a paper that is worth taking,
regardless of whether or not you can
control its editor. Newspapers should
be sold on merit. If a paper is worth
the price, you will find it a good in-
vestment to subscribe. If it is not
worth the price, you are a fool to
take it. It makes no difference whether
or not you like the editor. The
publisher who has nothing more than
a controllable disposition will not
give you much value for your money.
Also, he will be as easily controlled
by your adversary as by yourself.
Therefore, tie up to the editor who
runs his own business.—Humboldt,
Iowa, Republican.

When I Was A Boy

B. F. Blanton in Paris Appeal

When I was a boy the lovely girls
in the country were rosy cheeked,
beautiful girls as ever wore petticoats,
and their lovely complexions were
their own flesh and blood and not
bought at drug stores. They had never
heard of rouge, lip sticks or powder
puffs in those good old happy days.
But I am not kicking against the
use of any of the many beautifiers
now in use. I believe women ought
to use everything to make themselves
lovely. But now I think the girls of
today are as good and as pretty as
the girls of the past, while the chil-
dren—9, 10 or 12 years of age—are
much smarter than when I was a
boy. They ought to be, as they have
opportunities now that were never
dreamed of away back in the past.When I was a boy the country was
free from the so-called "reformers"
who talk reform for what they get out
of it. This is a pleasant thing for me
to think of, for now the country is
overrun with reformers of all sorts
and kinds. But I have an idea that if
the big salary they draw was cut off
they would let the people go to the
dogs or to the devil.When I was a boy there were no
machines of any kind in use, either
in town or country. There were no
sowing machines, washing machines,
threshing machines, anywhere in Cen-
tral Missouri. Neither were there any
railroads, telegraphs, telephones, elec-
tric lights, wireless, flying machines,
automobiles or anything that is so
common now. I am speaking of coun-
try life in Central Missouri as it was
when I was a boy.When I was a boy there was not a
dentist in a single town in Central
Missouri that I ever heard of. If any-
one had a tooth that ached and had
to be pulled, he went to a doctor, who
generally pulled the tooth just before
the man died. Their instruments were
of the crudest kind and would not be
used by any dentist now. But tooth-
ache was a rare thing in those days,
as people's teeth were better than
they are now. I do not know why
teeth are so bad now, unless it is
caused by the present generation eat-
ing too much candy and sweets. There
was not a tooth brush in the country
at that time. Fact is, people did not
know there was such a thing as a
tooth brush or tooth paste. But it is
very different now, when so many
people are using store teeth.When I was a boy going to school
it was the custom just before Christ-
mas Day to plan some way to make
the teacher treat the scholars. I re-
member on one occasion the boys at
play time fastened the door while the
teacher was out and refused to let him
in unless he agreed to treat, but he
got in at one of the windows and made
everyone take their seat. Then he sat
down and the big boys closed in on
him and picked him up and carried
him to the spring and were just in the
act of ducking him when he agreed to
treat and sent some boys to a farm
house and bought two bushels of ap-
ples. That made every kid happy, as
they had won a victory over the teach-
er. Oh, yes, he was a man teacher,
as no one then thought a woman knew
enough to teach school.The man who said honesty was
the best policy never tried telling an
ugly girl how she looked.A North Missouri editor says he
saw this on a moss-grown tombstone:
"Here lies our wife, Samantha Proctor,
who ketched a cold and wouldn't
doctor. She couldn't stay, she had to
go; praise Him from whom all bless-
ings flow".All criminals lie, but rare is the
man who can stick to a lie, says
Michael Hughes, Chicago's detective
chief. "We find a liar will tell a dif-
ferent version of the same story to
almost everyone. So we lead a suspect
into telling lies, then we check him up
and finally, in his mental confusion the
truth comes out."Exemption of any kind of income
from taxation is wrong in principle.
It works to create a class of income
recipients who have no direct concern
with the fiscal policy of the Govern-
ment. Taxes may rise or fall; it is
all one to them. If, theory, to be sure,
they pay for the privilege what it is
worth. They accept a smaller income
than they might otherwise command.
In theory the tax-free nobles and
clergy of the ancient regime in France
had paid for their privileges. Never-
theless those privileges became so
onerous in time that they represented
one of the chief objects of revolution-
ary attack. In the United States the
tax-free privilege presents a vice pec-
uliar to our form of government. The
investor buys his tax-free privilege
from the state; the loss of revenue
falls to the Federal Government. The
case for a constitutional amendment
limiting the states' right to grant tax
exemption is a strong one.—New Re-
public.30 TO 80 MILES AN HOUR
COMMON SPEED FOR BIRDSCertain species of hawks have a
speed of 200 feet a second, or about
136 miles an hour, says the Biological
Survey of the United States De-
partment of Agriculture. This might
be a suitable rate for a racing air
plane. The vaneback duck can fly
from 130 to 160 feet a second, but
its usual rate of 60 to 70 miles an
hour would be pretty fast to be un-
joyable in a plane making a pleas-
ure trip.The crow is the least rapid of a
list of 22 migratory birds, flying an
insignificant average of 45 feet a
second, or 30 miles an hour. Of
course this speed maintained steadily
in an automobile would mean a very
fair rate of progress, defying the
speed laws in many communities.
Most of the birds listed, however, do
better than the crow. Curlews and
jacksnipes can fly 55 and 65 feet a
second, while quails, prairie chickens
and ruffed grouse can make 75 feet.
The dove can reach a speed of 100
feet a second, or 68 miles an hour,
although its usual rate is less. Red-
heads, blue-winged teals, green-winged
teals, Canada geese, and different
varieties of brant can fly over 100
feet per second, ranging in speed from
68 to 98 miles an hour, but usually
fly at a much slower rate.If a man isn't nice to his wife's
women friends, she says that of
course he wouldn't like anybody she
likes; and if he is nice to them, she
says that it's a pity he can't show
as much politeness to his own wife,
and if—oh, well, he can't beat the
game, anyhow!While in Cape Girardeau Friday af-
ternoon, the editor had the pleasure of
being shown through the Southeast
Missourian office by Fred and George
Naebler. It can safely be said that it
is the best equipped newspaper and
job office to be found between St.
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SKESTON, MO.PROPOSES STABILIZATION
OF FARM PRODUCT PRICESWashington, January 3.—Govern-
ment stabilization of prices for farm
products is the object of a bill intro-
duced today by Senator Ladd, Repub-
lican, North Dakota, and referred to
the Senate Agriculture Committee,
which also has pending another bill by
Senator Ladd for government price
fixing of certain agricultural products.
Senator Ladd's new bill would create
an American stabilization corporation
with \$100,000,000 capital, all subscrib-
ed by the government, to buy from
producers and sell to consumers cer-
eals, sugar, cotton and wool.The corporation would operate
warehouses and have power to prohib-
it exports of farm products when
domestic needs required them.Thomas Monan, former chief of po-
lice at Skeston is now employed as
special officer for the Frisco at Chaf-
fee, and is here this week assisting
Scott Carey in the discharge of his
duty as special agent over this dis-
trict.—Caruthersville Democrat.The maximum area infested by the
brown-tail moth in New England has
been reduced 67 per cent, according to
the annual report of the entomologist
of the United States Department of
Agriculture. The maximum spread
was in 1914, when over 38,000 square
miles was infested, including portions
of all the New England States and the
eastern end of Long Island, N. Y. Now
this insect is known to be present only
in Maine, New Hampshire, and Mas-
sachusetts.


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S. E. MISSOURI FARMERS
TRIPPLED EARNINGS IN 1922Poplar Bluff, Mo., January 4.—De-
spite heavy floods last spring, farm-
ers in Southeast Missouri report that
they have made on the average of
three times as much money in 1922
than in any previous year. The pros-
perity, it was said, was due to cot-
ton, more than 175,000 bales being
raised, bringing in excess of \$21,000,-
000.On some days several banks in
Southeast Missouri stayed open all
night to handle the cotton business
and one bank doubled its deposits in
two months.About 150,000 bales were ginned in
Missouri, and 25,000 sent to gins in
Arkansas. The average yield in
cash an acre was estimated at
\$109.Mrs. J. H. Tyler has 48 Buff Or-
pington hens at her home on South
Kingshighway and Sunday they laid
24 eggs.

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Poland China Dispersion Sale

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At McGord Bros. Sales Barn
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public auction for cash at above date and place.The offering consists of 15 tried sows, 20 spring gilts, 25
summer and fall gilts and 3 boars.These sows are from the best blood lines obtainable in
the country while the gilts are the offsprings of the sows
and sired by Col. Pickett, Julius Caesar and The Son of
Pan. The boars to be sold are Julius Caesar, The Son
of Pan and a young boar out of a Yankee sow and by The
Son of Pan.This sale is made necessary because Milton and Ben
Blanton are still in school and a shortage of feed and
finances call for it. The boys will continue with their
farm and retain their plant with six sows and gilts and
one boar and hope to come again at some future date.
This is going to be a real offering and a description of
animals will be printed later.

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GOULD PLAN TO SOLVE PROBLEM

G. W. Gould, formerly of Sikeston, and now a banker at Kewanee, Ill., has come into national prominence because of his plan for solving the agricultural problem in this county. His plan in a word is to have the War Finance corporation finance grain shipments abroad.

Mr. Gould's plan, which has attracted wide notice, and which he has urged upon the administration at Washington personally, is discussed in an article in Thursday's Chicago Tribune. A writer, Frank Ridgway, contributes the following:

Grain dealers throughout the middle west are becoming deeply concerned over the foreign credit bill which is now before congress. The bill, if passed, will give the War Finance corporation the authority to put into operation the principals of the so-called Gould plan, originated by W. E. Gould, a banker of Kewanee, Ill.

This plan, according to grain dealers in some of the principal grain marketing centers, is the only practical plan now advanced which will assure fair prices abroad for American foodstuffs, and in fact, offers the only means by which American grains can be assured any market at any price in foreign countries.

George E. Marcy, Chicago, president of the Armour Grain company, said: "There is no doubt but what if this plan to give foreign credit against sales of United States foodstuffs is adopted by congress it will cause United States surplus of foodstuffs to be sold abroad at good, fair prices and will have a tendency to keep prices of grain up—possibly put them higher, not only for this crop but for the coming crop."

"It would enable the United States to dispose of her surplus ahead of Argentina, Austria, India and Canada, on account of giving credits", added Mr. Marcy.

It is the opinion of George A. Roberts, a prominent grain man of Omaha, Neb., that "the G. W. Gould plan which is practically the same as the Norris bill, is the only solution that will give 100 per cent benefit to agriculture". He has considered carefully the many bills that have been recently introduced in congress in the interest of agriculture.

It is the only bill introduced so far, he thinks that will benefit the tenant farmer who has no land on which to borrow money and for that class of farmers who already have all the col-

lateral they possess with the war finance board or local banks on money they have already borrowed.

"This class of farmers constitutes the large majority", he said, "and the Gould plan of financing is the only one that will give them 100 per cent relief. I own and operate, directly or indirectly, more than 6,000 acres of farm lands in Nebraska. I am also heavily interested in the banking business in Nebraska, and, having been engaged in the grain business for thirty years, I can truthfully say that the Gould plan or the Norris bill is the only solution for the farmers in our state 42 per cent of them being tenant farmers".

"I do not believe in placing a further burden upon the shoulders of our farmers by loaning them more money", concluded Mr. Roberts, "but they should receive a price for their products that will enable them to pay the debts they already owe".

C. E. Lewis of the grain firm that carries his name in Minneapolis, Minn., says that the problem involved in disposing of our present wheat surplus is far more important to the world at large than it is to us.

"The balance between maximum of supply and minimum of demand, with Russia out of the world, is so closely adjusted that any failure to maintain present acreage in the remaining producing countries can only mean a short bread supply", said Mr. Lewis.

"The only way to maintain acreage is to keep wheat prices at a figure sufficiently attractive to encourage wheat growing. This year Europe needs every bushel we have, but financial conditions in central and southeastern Europe make it impossible for the people of those countries to purchase all that they need. Any conservative plan for assisting in tiding them over the coming period until another crop will therefore result not only in maintaining political and industrial stability in Europe, but will encourage continued production of enough bread to meet the requirements of future years."

HENRY ROSS BUYS THE STODDARD MACHINE WORKS

Last Tuesday Henry Ross came over from Sikeston and purchased the Stoddard Machine Works of Wesley McColligan and A. G. Delaney.

We are not informed of the consideration in this purchase, but we are informed that Mr. Ross will assume charge at once, retaining Mr. Glenn MacNeely in the mechanical department.

It will be several weeks before Mr. Ross moves his family here, but says he will eventually do so. We welcome them back to this, their former home.

Mr. Delaney hasn't expressed himself as to his future plans, but hope they will be such as to assure his remaining with us.

This plant is one of the most successful in its line in the city, and enjoys a good business.—Dexter Statesman.

Announcement

E. J. Keith has sold his interest in the Hoosier Land & Investment Co., and, will in the future, co-operate with the Company under an agent's contract.

Hoosier Land & Investment Co., by J. E. Smith, Sr., Secretary.

E. J. KEITH

Misses Hyacinth Sheppard and Elsa Smart spent Sunday in Morehouse with Mrs. E. M. Boswell.

Tom Lett of the Bertrand vicinity was in Sikeston Friday last on business. He reports there will be considerable cotton planted in his neighborhood, though he will plant none.

The editor of The Standard accompanied C. F. Bruton, Fred Howden and Rev. Bradley to Jackson last Friday afternoon. It was a delightful drive over splendid roads. W. F. Schade and Ross Bros. were holding a Poland China hog sale that Bruton and Blanton looked over.

David Harum declared, "There is as much human nature in some folks as in others, if not more". David was right. The official clientele of the great Farm Bureau movement has its share. It has cropped out at intervals, here and there especially since the first fine burst of enthusiasm has dulled, manifested in a tendency to use positions of trust and influence for personal gain and to gratify personal ambitions. We are likely to see more of this spirit as the organization grows older and the critical eye of public appraisement is shifted to other and newer projects. Serving the public is not, as a rule, financially remunerative. And there are other discouraging features, but it is to be hoped that men of high honor and clean purposes will not be lacking to carry the Farm Bureau banner men who will put the reputation and success of the organization well above personal prestige and preferment.—Iowa Farm Bureau Messenger.

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KIDNAPPED MEN WERE TORTURED

Bastrop, La., January 6.—Dr. Chas. W. Duval, New Orleans pathologist, has performed some 6000 autopsies in his professional experience, but never has he had a case in which the subject had been so brutally tortured as in the case of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richards.

"In all my forensic medicine experience", he said, "I have had nothing to equal it. I have read nothing in literature to parallel it".

Dr. Duval would not attempt to describe the probable torture machine that finally brought about the death of the two men.

"It was some kind of a press that gave force from each side, though", he said, "it could not have been flat, in the order of a letter press, as some of the old torture instruments of the barbaric ages were. The peculiar manner in which the bones were broken with almost mathematical precision showed that".

Dr. Duval said the torture rack could have had a shape somewhat similar to that of a human body. It could have been a body-shaped box which had teeth on the side which came in contact with the arms, legs and chest.

If such a box were used, it is probable that the men, one at a time, were placed in it, the lid clamped on and slowly forced down against their bodies.

Meanwhile it is probable that members of the masked mob were standing at their heads, demanding that they "Tell what you know" about the shots supposed to have been fired at Dr. McKoin.

Thus Daniel and Richards died while blood rushed from wounds inflicted on them. Both Dr. Duval and Dr. John A. Lanford were of the opinion that the wounds were inflicted before death. They determined that by noting that the bodies were drained of blood, which would not have occurred if the wounds had been inflicted after death.

The vicious way in which Daniel's body was mutilated and parts amputated was also before death and probably before the other torture, the pathologists believe. After that, which was done with a sharp knife or a razor, Daniel's clothing was rearranged.

THE VAGRANT LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

With the coming of so many negroes to this community and in order to have no race outbreaks of any sort the mayor will have the law officers enforce the vagrancy law now on the books and which is printed below:

Sec. 324.—Vagrants and the Suppression Thereof.—Any male or female person found wandering about from place to place within this city without a settled abode or visible means of support, or any male or female person who shall live idly or who does not make a diligent effort to procure employment when said male or female has no means of support; or any male or female person who shall be found loitering or lounging about or loafing in outhouses, sheds, stables, lumber yards, railroad stations, waiting rooms, freight rooms, warehouses, houses of bad repute or begging from door to door, or who shall be found trespassing on the premises of others, and not giving a good account of themselves, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Standard is informed that this law will be enforced and that white men who are in the habit of loafing around town day and night without visible means of support will be looked after. The community has many negro families who have moved to farms who will trade in Sikeston, and they should be cautioned to do their trading and go about their business and they will be given every protection, but no great number of them congregating on corners or in alleys can be given proper protection in case a brick should fall from a horse. These negro families are needed if we are to raise cotton and must be protected but the City of Sikeston is not raising cotton and the city cannot absorb more than she now has. The citizens in general should discourage any ugly talk that they may hear and thereby save probable trouble.

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Russell Pinnell of New Madrid was a Sikeston visitor Monday.

Mrs. Sarah McVeigh, policewoman in Muskegon, Mich., is not a bit superstitious. She carries police badge No. 13, a number no other officer on the force cared to accept.

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KING COTTON IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

A staff correspondent of the St. Louis Star recently visited the cotton sections of Southeast Missouri and the following extract will show The Standard readers what the cotton crop of 1922 did for the farmers who planted cotton:

"At Portageville, Mo., in New Madrid County, where there are four gins and a large amount of cotton is ginned and sold, S. S. Thompson, mayor of Portageville, says that the Pittmann gin of that city has ginned more bales of cotton this year than any other in Missouri. He also boasts of the fact that they load 1 on one flat car at Portageville 120 bales of cotton, valued at \$15,000, which was the largest car of cotton ever loaded in the United States. This is verified by the Frisco Railroad.

"They have ginned at Portageville over 10,000 bales of cotton, bales averaging around 500 pounds, and the ginning season not much more than half over. From this point, as well as others, cotton has been shipped in train loads of 30 to 40 flat cars, all loaded with cotton.

"In connection with Thompson's statements, he obtained some statements from the Portageville Bank and the Farmers' Bank at Portageville, which were given to The Star correspondent. The statement of the Farmers' Bank, as of December 1, runs as follows: Capital stock, \$20,000; surplus, \$15,500; deposits, \$452,381.99; bills payable, none; other liabilities, \$10,185.45; total resources amounting to \$454,805.32.

"The statement from the Portageville Bank runs as follows: Capital stock, \$20,000, surplus, \$32,200, deposits, \$394,202.63; total resources, \$449,092.77.

"It is estimated by bankers and business men that New Madrid, Dunklin and Pemiscot County cotton growers may average this year not less than \$100 an acre net.

"At Sikeston, where there never has been a gin, the citizens are planning to put in two or three gins next year. E. C. Matthews, a prominent banker and farmer at Sikeston, has been making investigations in this connection. Green E. Greer has decided to put in a gin. Similar preparations are being made at Charleston, in Mississippi County. It is also possible that gins will be put in at Cape Girardeau to take care of the cotton growers in that section.

"At Caruthersville, a few days ago, 26,000 bales of cotton, worth about 3,600,000, were piled in one heap near the Mississippi River docks, as overflow from the Caruthersville compress, the only cotton compress in the state. This cotton is to be sent by barge to New Orleans and from there by boat to Fall River, Mass., and Liverpool, England. The warehouse of the Caruthersville compress covers about four acres and is completely filled with cotton, while two large fields on either side of the building are covered with thousands of cotton bales."

Jim Arnold, former circuit clerk, was in Sikeston the latter part of the week. He is farming near Benton and trying to make an honest living.

By the time the popular young man has finished buying his Christmas present, it has occurred to him that a husband's Yuletide tax is levied by only ONE woman!

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The bootlegger and his patron are alike under the skin—they both put their desires above the law.—Col. Dan Morgan Smith.

Word was received in Cape Girardeau of the birth of a son at Oklahoma City, Okla., on December 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mr. Smith was principal of the grade schools and Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Elizabeth Whiteford and taught music in the Sikeston schools.

The Charleston Business Men's League has re-elected S. P. Loebe of the Charleston Times, as president. That organization is endeavoring to get the Missouri Pacific to put on Pullman service from their city to St. Louis via Poplar Bluff. They ask the co-operation of Sikeston and Dexter. This surely would be a great convenience to the traveling public.

The story concerns the daughter of a Spanish mother and an American father, in the mythical Spanish State of Chinora, who falls in love with Sandy Buchanan, the American engineer in charge of the oil wells on the MacDonald estate. Her aunt, Countess de Elberca, has other plans for her. She wants Mercedes to marry the young Duke of Othome, whose fortunes are at a very low ebb and who is wanted in Spain for offenses against the government. The Duke and his uncle, Don Felipe de Cristobal, plot to kill Buchanan, but with the aid of an American circus troupe he routs his enemies and wins the girl.

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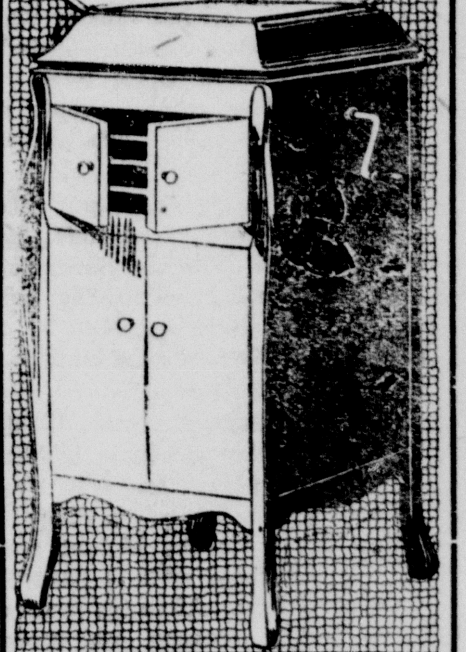
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LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

T. F. Henry made a business trip to Caruthersville Tuesday.

E. J. Keith of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid Saturday.

Ruskin Cook of Sikeston was in New Madrid Monday transacting business.

Counselor J. R. Brewer of Caruthersville was in our city on business Tuesday.

Murray Phillips left Sunday night for St. Louis to attend the St. Louis university.

Attorney Robert S. Rutledge of Alden made a business trip to New Madrid Friday.

Judge R. K. Miller of Portageville was at the County Seat Monday looking after business.

Leslie Fox of Charleston was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Quintis Richards last Thursday.

W. S. Willhite of Mt. Carmel, Ill. was in New Madrid Tuesday looking after land interests.

W. W. Blodoe and E. D. De Field of East Prairie were business visitors in New Madrid Tuesday.

Miss Frances Brown left Saturday for her home in Charleston, after a visit to friends in New Madrid.

Miss Margaret Mary Hunter left Sunday night for St. Louis to resume her studies at Loretta Convent.

Miss Annie Howard was a St. Louis visitor last week in the interest of the Howard & Dawson Millinery Store.

Miss Dorothy Riley left Sunday to resume her studies at St. Mary's in the Woods Convent at St. Marys, Kansas.

Attorney Harry C. Blanton and little daughter, Rosemary, of Sikeston, spent several hours in New Madrid Friday.

Mrs. Jesse Broughton was called to Cairo Monday by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. M. Broughton.

James A. Jackson, Renington Type writer man of Cape Girardeau, made his usual business trip to New Madrid last week.

James Bloomfield and Richard Phillips left the latter part of the week for St. Louis as students of St. Louis University.

Misses Evelyn Hunter and Lucille and Virginia Frances left Sunday night for St. Louis to attend Visitation Convent in St. Louis.

Mrs. Herbert Jameson returned last week from Blytheville, Ark., where they were called by the illness of Mr. Jameson's father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Schaffer of South Bend, Indiana, arrived Friday on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Knott of this city.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen, R. L. Jones was appointed City Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. S. Hummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis B. Riley left Monday in response to a message that their grandson, Paul Mueller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mueller of Jackson, was very ill.

Mesdames W. L. Meier, W. R. Pinnell and Misses Laura Digges and Mary Waters were guests of Mrs. Jesse Broughton of the Marston neighborhood, last Thursday.

Floyd S. Hummel left Sunday night for St. Louis, where he has accepted a position with Shaw State Bank of that city. New Madrid people regret very much to lose one of their home boys.

Mrs. A. P. Callahan and little daughter, Margaret Jane, left last week for their home in Shreveport, La., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Pikey, of the Conron neighborhood.

Mrs. Floyd S. Hummel was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hummel of Charleston. Mrs. Shap R. Hunter, Jr., made the highest score and was presented with a beautiful box of stationery. After the game an elegant turkey luncheon was served.

Miss Evelyn Hunter entertained last Friday evening with an informal dance in honor of her visiting cousins, Misses Lucille and Virginia Frances of St. Louis. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. George Marable, Clarence Johnson and Edward Coon, of Charleston; Charles Blanton, Jr., Dick Stubbs, Louis Scott of Sikeston. At a late hour refreshments of sandwiches and punch were served.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Moore gave them a little surprise party Monday evening, January 8, at their country home several miles north of town. The event was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Moore's twentieth wedding anniversary and the time was spent in dancing after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and little Miss Lena Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamp-

ton and family, Mr. and Mrs. James Midgett, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Vinson, Misses Mildred Lewis and Leila Rickus and Messrs Moore Griffin and Wint Lewis, Jr.

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church met at the country home of Mrs. Wash Howard on Kingshighway, with twenty-four members and Mesdames Bryan Harris of Cairo and C. Rassmussen of Chicago and Etta Swan of this city as guests. This was the first meeting of the new year and the newly elected officers assumed their respective offices. The new officers are as follows: Mrs. E. A. Loud, President; Mrs. A. T. Henry, Vice-President; Mrs. Curtis Buesching, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. T. Royer, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Fannie Fine, Treasurer; Mrs. T. F. Henry, Superintendent of Supplies; Miss Eugenia Lee, Agent for Missionary Voice; Mrs. W. A. Humphreys, Chairman of Study and Publicity; and Mrs. M. F. Elhers, Chairman of Social Service. After all business transactions a luncheon of sandwiches, coffee, pickles and cookies were served.

HOSTILE ASSEMBLY WORRIES GOV. HYDE

Jefferson City, Jan. 4.—Gov. Hyde is having tough luck with his appointees, as the Republican State administration is endeavoring to strengthen the weak spots to resist undue scrutiny by the hostile Legislature now in session, for James A. Finch of New Madrid, State Oil Inspector, has resigned and the Governor has discharged W. H. Crouch of Bethany, secretary of the Bureau of Mines and Mine Inspection.

Finch quit because of the demands of his private business upon his time, Gov. Hyde said, but it is known that a number of Democratic Senators, who constitute 19 of the 34 in the Senate, had determined to oppose confirmation of Finch because the inspector has been here seldom during his term. In this, however, he has followed an example set by Democrats who previously held the place.

Crouch was discharged by Gov. Hyde because the mining bureau secretary had withheld \$210 from the salary of Miss Eva Smart of Jefferson City, stenographer in the Mining Bureau, and appropriated it to his own use. Crouch said he did this with the full consent of Miss Smart, who has a different view of it.

Miss Smart did not want to discuss the case, but it is known she had told the officials that when she went to work in the bureau, 13 months ago, she understood she was to have \$75 a month. The next month she was advanced to \$80 and the third month to \$85, and Crouch had told her that after the first year she was to get \$100. She was always paid in cash, although the State law provides that the Auditor shall issue warrants to each individual for his salary, and that the State Treasurer shall pay cash for these warrants to whoever presents them, for they are made out to the individual "or bearer". Miss Smart did not know about the warrant which were for \$100 each.

Crouch said he had done the stenographer's work for four months before Miss Smart was appointed, and that he agreed with her, when she came that he was to have part of the salary at first, to compensate him for the extra work he had done in that way.

"The first month I paid her \$75, the second, \$80, and then \$85," Crouch said, "and I had intended to pay her the full \$100 from the first of the year. I had no intention to take anything that belonged to anyone else. The first I knew that anything was wrong or being misunderstood, was when I was called on the carpet by the Governor. I have agreed to repay all of this money to the young lady. I don't know what she told officials about this matter."

It is reported that this case is receiving attention from the legislative Auditing Committee. In the meantime Everett Richardson of Granby, Southwest Missouri, a deputy mine inspector, is in charge of the Bureau of Mines office.

Finch was appointed State Inspector of Oil a year ago to succeed Todd N. Ormiston of Linneus, after the Senate in 1921 had refused to confirm Ormiston's nomination. Finch has received \$3368.69 in salary from the State.

Gov. Hyde said he had not selected a successor to Finch, and declined to confirm a report that State Game and Fish Commissioner Frank Middleton was being considered for the place.

The editor is mighty proud that his better half is invited to bridge parties and intends to coach her a little as to dealing seconds, from the bottom, and other arts known to old-time card players, in order that she may bring home the bacon sometimes instead of a disappointed look!

FORNFELT BANK ELECT OFFICERS

The stockholders of the First State Bank of Fornfelt, held their annual meeting on the 4th inst. The following directors were elected: A. Baudendistel, E. A. Wells, Emil Steck, Louis Dohogne, Wm. C. Arnold, Chas. Hamm and W. L. Tomlinson.

The following officers were elected: A. Baudendistel, President; E. A. Wells, Vice-President; Emil Steck, Vice-President; W. L. Tomlinson, Cashier; Wendelin A. Georger, Asst. Cashier.

Emil Steck, the newly elected Vice-President, has been cashier of the bank since its organization in 1905, and recently resigned the position in order to give attention to the office of Collector of Revenue, to which office he was elected by the voters of Scott County. Mr. Steck will retain his interest in the bank and, as an officer and director, assist in keeping up the high standard of the bank.

Mr. Tomlinson, the newly elected cashier, has been with the bank for the past nine years and is in every way qualified for the position of cashier.

The directors are all men of many years experience in business and banking, a majority of them having been connected with this bank since its organization.

Farmers Co-operative Cotton Gin Proposed at Parma

At a meeting held at Parma on Thursday, January 4th, a farmers Co-operative Cotton Gin was proposed for that section of the county. About 25 interested farmers were present and they signified their belief that a cotton gin would be best for their town and community. The cotton acreage will undoubtedly be increased and they considered it very necessary to have adequate ginning facilities.

R. C. Allen was appointed temporary chairman and George M. Meier as Secretary of the meeting. A. F. Elhers of New Madrid was present and discussed the cotton gin as proposed. Mr. Elhers gave the history to a similar gin at New Madrid and what service it had rendered to the farmers.

A committee was appointed to subscribe the stock and continue the work in connection with the organization of the gin were: R. W. Baskin, Geo. M. Meier, William Williams, J. L. Allen and R. C. Allen. A subscription list was started and the committee will proceed with the organization.

Mrs. John Similar was called to Cape Girardeau on account of the illness of Miss Cott.

Mrs. Murray Klein and Miss Camille Klein will entertain with Bridge on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richards, R. A. McCord and Miss Lillian Putman went to Perryville Thursday to attend the funeral of Miss Margaret Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson.

The Woman's Club will have their regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday, January 16 at 2:30 p. m. After the business meeting the program for the afternoon will be given.

The Bone property on Prosperity street has been rented by the E. R. Smith family of Cape Girardeau. Mr. Smith will have charge of the new filling station on the corner of Kingshighway and Center street, that is being built by the Sikeston Concrete Construction Co.

Mrs. Robert Law, Mrs. James Moccabee, Mrs. Loomis Mayfield, Mrs. Clyde Richards, Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. Frank Van Horns, Mrs. O. J. Brown, Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Randal Wilson, Misses Marjorie Smith and Burnice Tanner surprised Miss Mayme Marshall on last Tuesday, going to spend the day and taking lots of good things to eat. On this occasion they decided it would be a tacky party and reports are that if some of the husbands had seen their wives, it would have been grounds for divorce. They all report a jolly good time.

Col. R. L. Harriman and Dallas Tyson sold the Poland China sale at Clarkton for R. E. Dunn on January 3rd. It was a dispersion sale on account of an unsatisfactory tenant on his farm. The sale was made on short notice and sold to some disadvantage such as unbrd gilts and nothing in good sale condition, rough hair, etc. Top was a sow by Revelation going to L. J. Dunn at \$160. A sow and litter by Liberator sold at \$120. A spring boar by Peter Pan sold at \$110 and his litter mate gilts topped the gilt sale. In all, it was considered a good sale and Mr. Dunn was well pleased. The sale terms were cash or 8 months time and practically the entire settlement was made in cash. They say it was "cotton" money. The sale averaged about \$45.00.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. B. Passmore and wife of Rector, Ark. to A. M. Alley of New Madrid County. A parcel of ground in the city of Parma, adjoining block 4 of Shidler's add. \$500.

George and Bertha Lewis of Lilbourn to F. M. Murphy and wife of New Madrid County. All of lots 7 and 8 in block 7 in L. A. Lewis 2nd add. to the city of Lilbourn. \$650.

John Ford and wife of Gideon to Ed Perkins of New Madrid County. Lot 10 in block 2 in Sarff's add. to the town of Gideon, New Madrid County. \$500.

A. B. Douglass and wife of Holcomb to E. Marshall of Clay County, Ark. The S½ of SW¼ of NW¼ sec. 11 and the E½ of SE¼ of NW¼ sec. 11 and the W¼ of W½, SW¼ of NE¼ sec. 11 all in twp. 2. North range 10 except a strip of land containing about 5 acres, lying south of the line extending from the center of sec. 10, twp. 20, range 10, to the junction of Little River and open Bay, containing 45 acres. \$3000.

Jordan Green and wife to Major Wade and wife all of New Madrid. All of the N½ of lot 5 in block 2 in Jno. E. Powell's 4th add. to the city of New Madrid. \$100.

R. W. Barnes and wife to Otto Koch of New Madrid County. 82 acres of land. All of the South half of the NE¼ except a strip of land 25.87 feet in width off the S side of same and 7.575 acres of land, being all that part of the SE¼ of NW¼ lying east of the center line of Otter Slough ditch, except a strip of land 25.37 ft. in width off the S side of same and containing in the aggregate 89.575 acres of land. All in sec. 10, twp. 25 range 13. \$10,301.13.

John C. Hethcock of Morehouse to Harry Black of New Madrid County: The N½ of lot 8 in block 16, also a strip of ground out of the NE corner of lot 11 in block 16 of the city of Morehouse 30 feet long running north and south and 15 feet running east and west. \$1200.

J. W. Wellman and wife of New Madrid County to Abraham and Nancy J. Smith of Stoddard County. All of lots 3 and 4 in block 37 Dixie Woods add. to the city of Parma. \$475.

Marriage License
Tolbert Riddle and Etta Ruddle, both of Portageville.
Charles Sackett and Zelma Willie, both of Catron.
Jesse L. Howard and Ruby May Bryant, both of Catron.
Samuel R. Jones and Evelyn Oualey, both of Portageville.

FOR SALE

Seventeen (17) shares Semo Development Oil Stock. A bargain; desire to close a bankrupt estate. Inquire of
H. C. BLANTON
SIKESTON, MO.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Sheriff Kerr was in Matthews Sunday.

Bo Duckworth has moved his family to Risco.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pflieger a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz visited friends in Charleston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Daugherty have moved into Mrs. Dimple Gurby's house.

L. Deane and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane Sunday.

Elvas Oatsvall of Greenway, Ark., is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Judge Steele and wife attended services at the Catholic church in Sikeston Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and children were all day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alert Deane and little daughter Helen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Mainord and children of New Madrid were guests at the G. D. Steele home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossitt had as their guests for dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Harper and children.

George Elderbrook gave a dance for the young folks at his home two miles west of Matthews, which was well attended and much enjoyed by the young folks.

Mr. Jenkins has moved his family here from Steele, Mo., and will become one of us. We extend a hearty welcome to this good family. Mr. Jenkins will plant 85 acres of cotton west of town on what is known as the Davis farm.

Rev. Finis Jones is suffering considerable with carbuncles on his head and neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCord of Oxford, Ind., are the guests of their son, R. A. McCord and family on Gladys street.

Mules For Sale

We have received a car load of good mules purchased at Fredericktown that we will trade or sell to those in need of them. Sound and guaranteed. See them at the barn.

MCCORD BROS.
Sikeston, Mo.

Ah, How Juicy Tender!

THAT'S the expression that usually accompanies the first forkful of meat purchased from our shop. Not only is it palatable, but contains all of the nourishment that nature put into it. Our meats are purchased daily, giving you an assurance of its high quality. The economical housewife makes ours her Meat headquarters.

Sellards Meat Market

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Anderson-Inman

Roy Anderson and Miss Effie Inman stole a march on their Sikeston friends when they went to Charleston where they were married by Rev. R. L. Jenkins, Saturday, December 30, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie were the witnesses.

The young couple intended keeping the wedding a secret for a time but some way the news got into the papers so they gave a clean confession and are receiving congratulations from friends.

Both are well known and highly respected in the community and have hosts of friends who wish them much joy and long life.

Roy is manager of the oil filling station at Malden while Effie is with the Sikeston Concrete Tile Construction Co., where they both will remain for the time being.

Mrs. Charles Clark, who has been here since before the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chambliss, left Wednesday morning for her home in Cleve, Ohio.

Chillicothe Business College last week furnished one of our leading ladies' colleges with a shorthand teacher and has just placed another student in charge of the Commercial Department in one of our state institutions.

Everybody is ready to sustain the law he likes, that is not in the proper sense respect for law or order. The test of respect for law is where the law is upheld even though it hurts.—Chas. E. Hughes, Sec. of State.

Mrs. M. A. Arterburn has 12 hens setting at this time and an incubator with 240 eggs going. She keeps nothing but Buff Orpingtons and says she can hardly remember a day when they did not get eggs.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Telephone 124.

HOTEL FOR SALE—Reasonable, 24 rooms. Only first class hotel in town of 4000. Reason for selling, sickness.

—s. J. R. Ragsdale, Chaffee, Mo. 3t

LOST—Between Sikeston and Charleston Wednesday afternoon pocket-book containing about \$10 in cash. Book folded and had mirror in same. Finder advise Mrs. H. C. Young, Sikeston, and receive reward.


MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF JANUARY 15

Nights 7:15 O'clock

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 15 & 16
Wallace Reid, Agnes Ayres and May McAvoy in
"Clarence"

Booth Tarkington's great American comedy.
Also one reel comedy
20c - 40c



They All Fall
For Clarence

CLARENCE is the big genial hero of the greatest American comedy ever written. A love story that turns the laughter upon the average American home. New York roared over it for two years on the stage. Now, with three stars in the leading roles, it's funnier than ever on the screen.

A Paramount Picture

Wednesday, Jan 17
William Duncan and Edith Johnson in
"No Defense"
Also News 10c and 20c

Thursday, Jan. 18
"A Stroke of Midnight"
A Metro Feature
Also Movie Chat 10c and 20c

Friday, Jan. 19
Douglas Fairbanks in
"His Majesty The American"
One of his fast-going pictures, full of thrills and comedy and romance
Also Buster Keaton in a two reel comedy
"The Goat"
And Fables 10c and 30c

Saturday, Jan. 20
Buck Jones in
"Trooper Oneil"
Also Timber Queen No. 6
Matinee 2:30 Night 7:25 10c and 20c

Coming: Mae Murray in
"Fascination"
Jan. 22 and 23

Grove's
Tasteless
Chill Tonic
 Restores Health, Energy
 and Rosy Cheeks. 60c

PAINFUL ACCIDENT TO SNOOKIE SMITH

One of the most peculiar accidents that has been noted in this community happened to Snookie, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Smith, Sr.

During the holidays some boys of the neighborhood had some large fire crackers to celebrate Christmas with and the exploded shells were left on the ground. Among the pieces Snookie found one that evidently failed to explode though he thought it was a "dud". As the boys will, he picked it up to play with and carried it into the house and on up to his room. He put it into his mouth as though it were a cigar and struck a match to the fuse. Immediately it sizzled and back-fired into his mouth and throat, but did not explode. The lad was in the house by himself, but ran to the home of Mrs. Milton Haas, where he told her the top of his head was blown away. He was bleeding profusely and suffering greatly so Mrs. Haas called Dr. Tonelli and between them they dressed his burns and lacerations. Unless complications set in he will soon be out again. It was lucky for him that the cracker had been wet and failed to explode.

NEW FILLING STATION ON MARSHALL LOT

The large lot east of the City Hall is to be improved by having a large filling station erected thereon. The building will be built of brick and concrete and will be of ample proportions to handle all supplies usually carried in such places. Attached to the building will be a large shed sufficient to cover several cars at a time while they are being supplied. The adjoining grounds will be set to lawn grass and flower beds that will add greatly to the sightliness of this corner.

E. R. Smith, formerly with the Texas Oil Company at Cape Girardeau will be in charge of the station when completed. The Sikeston Concrete Tile Construction Co. will put up the building and work to start immediately.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER ALREADY SECURED

Dr. P. C. Somerville, Professor of English Literature at Illinois Wesleyan University of Bloomington, has been secured by Supt. Roy V. Ellis for the 1923 Commencement Address to the graduates of Sikeston High School. Prof. Somerville is a well-known lecturer in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Before settling down in the chair of English at Wesleyan, he was a successful football coach, having played four years at Depauw, where he took his college work and A. M. degree. He is a man of commanding physique and pleasing personality, whom very few equal and none surpass as an orator for school occasions. This year's class will number nearly forty. The date of the exercises will be Thursday night, May 17th.

If we obey only the kind of laws we like—that means anarchy.

The idea that a mayor or chief of police is at liberty to permit any law or ordinance to be violated is monstrous.—Pres. Benjamin Harrison.

The S. E. Wilson public sale held south of Sikeston Monday was very satisfactory to Mr. Wilson. R. A. McCord was the auctioneer and said bidding was good all along the line.

The Cosmopolitan Club won the boys' basketball tournament at Chillicothe Business College while the girl championship went to the students from Northeast Missouri. Now Coach Neal is busy selecting his college team.

The new High School building at Diehlstadt will be dedicated Friday evening, January 12, 1923. The addresses will be given by Rev. R. L. Jenkins of Charleston, M. E. Montgomery, Superintendent of Schools of Scott County, and Attorney Tom Brown of Charleston. Special music for the occasion will be had. This building is a model school building with commodious rooms, auditorium and all conveniences. It is a tribute of progress to that community that means much to the boys and girls who are desirous of a high school education. The public is invited to be present.

SOUTHEAST MISSOURI WEEKLY NEWS LETTER

A few days ago a Southeast Missourian received the following letter from a friend of his in the southern part of our district, which pictures very clearly the immigration from the south, which is due largely as a result of the southern advertising by the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau:

"It is a sight to see the cotton-growers coming from the south. Last Friday, I counted 52 wagons and three trucks right close together, and about a mile and a half off to the north, were six more wagons. Every freight train has from one to three cars; the locals always have a few. All of this immigration is scattered from Morley and Vanduser south. Yesterday, a total of 62 persons, including children, moved to Lilbourn. Last Saturday, the main street of Lilbourn looked like Broadway at Cape Girardeau."

A conference of the cotton-growers of Southeast Missouri has been called at Sikeston, January 11, for the purpose of discussing co-operative marketing of cotton in Southeast Missouri. Each farm bureau in the district has appointed three men to act as delegates from their county to this conference, and all cotton growers are urgently requested to be present. Some prominent officials of the American Cotton Growers Exchange will be present, as well as Mr. Henry, president of the Arkansas Cotton Growers Association, to tell the Southeast Missouri growers of the advantages they have derived from marketing cotton co-operatively. At this meeting, it will, in all probability, be decided whether or not Southeast Missouri will join this co-operative movement.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau, held at Charleston, Wednesday of last week, it was decided that the Bureau would stand back of a constructive immigration bill and urge the passage of same during the present session of the State Legislature. Such a bill was proposed and voted upon at the last Legislature, but failed to carry by one vote. The Bureau takes the stand that such a bill would be of material advantage to the state of Missouri as well as Southeast Missouri, and since other states are doing similar work to attract people to their respective localities, that Missouri should not be in the background. A committee, composed of Thad Snow, chairman, D. H. Brown and A. I. Foard, was appointed by President Montgomery to assist in bringing about the introduction of such a bill by the State Legislature. The first exhibit material to enter the halls of the State Capitol at Jefferson City, in connection with the state exhibit which is being installed by the State Museum Commission, came from Southeast Missouri in the form of a full-sized, 500 pound cotton bale, from Caruthersville. The Southeast Missouri Agricultural Bureau is furnishing the State Commission with a considerable amount of exhibit material, including 80 photographs, a bale of cotton, and a large amount of sheaf grains and grasses, as well as other agricultural products grown in the Southeast Missouri district.

Miss Dot Adams of Villa Ridge, Ill., and Rex Adams of Mounds City, Ill., spent the week-end with their sister, Miss Stella Adams.

H. C. Halley, an employee of the State Highway Department in this city, left Tuesday noon for Jefferson City, where he will be employed by the State Highway Department at the capitol.

You laugh at prohibition laws; the libertine laughs at the marriage laws; the anarchist laughs at property laws—watch that your son does not laugh at all laws! Let's quit laughing at any laws.—Col. Dan Morgan Smith.

Wade Anderson, prominent stockman and planter of Commerce, who with Norvall Anderson, merchant of Commerce, was in Cairo on business yesterday, said that 500 acres of cotton was raised by himself and others in the neighborhood of Commerce in 1922. They did well with the crop and expect to put out still more this year, he said. Memphis cotton brokers are already offering to contract for the 1923 crops at 26 cents a pound, he stated. Mr. Anderson was interested in the cotton meeting to be held at Mound City tomorrow and said there was no reason why cotton should not grow as well here as across the river.—Cairo Bulletin.

Extraordinary Sale of Dresses!

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY

Beginning Friday, January 12th, we will offer to the women of Southeast Missouri choice of our high grade stock of dresses at the following ridiculous prices:

35 beautiful dresses, consisting of Velvets, Tricotines and Taffetas, worth \$22.50—now

\$10.00

These prices are for CASH

25 Finkelstein and Mme. Renauld that sold up to \$39.75—now

\$24.75

These prices are for CASH

A limited number of \$12.00 and \$15.00 gowns for quick sale

\$5.00

STUBBS CLOTHING CO.

Milem Building

Sikeston, Missouri

NEGRO FARMERS BEING INTIMIDATED

The Sikeston District has been hard hit during the past three years on account of one thing or another. At this time the farmer is making preparations for the spring planting and feels cheerful over the outlook. The merchants have taken the cue and are talking of the future with renewed hopes. Now comes the irresponsible nobody with a stick of dynamite and anonymous note warning negro families, who are here to raise cotton, to "git". Families on Hal Galeener's farm across Little River beyond Tanner, have received this sort of a calling card. No community is safe and will ever be prosperous as long as loafers frighten workers away from their jobs. These negro families may be the saviors of agriculture in this section and they should be protected. It should be the duty of every law abiding citizen to discourage this sort of intimidation and give protection to these workers. These negroes are not looking for social conquests but are cotton negro farmers who are trying to make a living by the sweat of their brow.

Mrs. Wallace Applegate entertained with Bridge Wednesday afternoon at her beautiful home on Park Ave. Let everyone remember that he who violates the laws of the land tramples on the blood of the forefathers and tears assunder the character of his own children's liberty.—Abraham Lincoln.

The vaudeville show put on by the Lion's Club and some young ladies at the opera house Wednesday night, was a decided success in every way. T. A. Wilson was the director of the evening and every number on the program was thoroughly enjoyed. The star of the evening was little Louis Stubbs, the youngest of the Stubbs brothers and he was a "scream". The money realized from this entertainment will be used by the Lions in the further advancement of Sikeston.

MUSICAL RECITAL AT METHODIST CHURCH

The second of a series of recitals will be given by 13 pupils of Mrs. H. J. Welsh in the Methodist church parlor Saturday, January 13 at 3 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. Following is the program:

"Friendship Waltz".....Sheabough
Ruth Inez Felker
Barcarolle from "Tales of Hoffman".....Marie Marshall
"Marguerite at the Spinning Wheel".....Marie Marshall
"Spanish Dance".....Rathbun
Tyrene Kendall
"O Thou Sublime Sweet Evening Star".....Wagner-Tonelli
Thelma Lennox
"Minuet".....Beethoven
Louise Shields
"In the Land of Sunshine".....Huerter
Grace Decker
"Serenade Sans Paroles".....Meyer-Helmund
Lucille Mount
"Heliotrope".....Sulze-O'Neil
Mary Allison Purcell
"Birdies Message".....Ferber
Gladys Ross
"Minuet A L'Antico".....Seebocock
Evelyn Smith
"The Pompadour Fan".....Cadman
Vivian Jackson
"Prelude".....De Koven
Bonnie Keith

Mrs. J. N. Sheppard is very ill at her home on 422 Dorothy street. Louie Shields of Point Pleasant was in Sikeston Monday on his way to Cape Girardeau to attend Court.

Any law looks blue to the man who wants to violate it; and all that any criminal asks is To Be Let Alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Rodgers and son and Miss Vanetta Wellman of Benton were visitors to the J. L. Tanner family on Sunday. Miss Ruth Denman and Randol Wilson and family were also guests.

CO-WORKERS MEET ELECT OFFICERS

The Co-Workers held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. W. Black Tuesday evening with Mrs. Black and Mrs. H. J. Welsh as hostesses. It was a very profitable meeting and reports of the treasurer showed the finances to be very satisfactory. It was voted to donate \$100 to have the pipe organ tuned and \$50 was appropriated to purchase dishes for the dining room.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was in order and Mrs. C. D. Matthews, Jr., was chosen president; Mrs. C. A. Cook, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Smith, secretary; Mrs. Hardy Smith, treasurer; Mrs. T. B. Mather, press superintendent; Mrs. Emma Kendall and Mrs. A. C. Sikes, resolutions committee.

At the next regular meeting to be held at the church the tacking of quilts will be the order of the day and all members are requested to attend.

R. Q. Jennings and family have moved their household goods to Chaffee where he has been transferred.

S. B. Hunter of Cape Girardeau was in Sikeston Tuesday morning on his way to Dexter to attend a bank director's meeting. From there he will double back to Morehouse for another bank director's meeting.

That part of the special article on cotton raising in Southeast Missouri printed in the St. Louis Star last Sunday stating that Sikeston had never had a gin was a mistake. Mrs. Kate Harris, living on the Kingshighway at the south edge of town, informs The Standard that cotton was raised on the farm where she now lives back in 1858 at that time John Sikes had a gin in Sikeston. Later, after the Civil War, Smith & Applegate owned a gin which burned, and still later C. D. Matthews, Sr., owned a gin which he dismantled when cotton raising ceased in this community.

SIKESTON YOUTHS KILL SMALL HOGS

Oscar Deal, a farmer living near Matthews, lost three sandy pigs Thursday of last week and reported same to Constable Burks of Sikeston, giving him a description of the pigs. Constable Burks suspected Lonnie Hale and Ira Jones, who he learned were out hunting that day. He scouted around the Jones home on Rath Street and in the wood shed found the three dead pigs, two of them skinned, the third partially skinned. All three had been killed with a shot gun. He was so close on to the boys that they left their meat on the block and sought to escape.

Burks followed one of the boys but he escaped in the darkness in an old car. It is believed two more boys are implicated, their names being withheld for further proof. The pigs weighed about 110 pounds each and were fat and fine.

The names of these two boys have been mentioned before as law breakers and it seems they are determined to break into the penitentiary.

SIKESTON DEFEATS CAPE GIRARDEAU

A fast, but one-sided game of basketball was played last Friday night at the Mecca Hall in Sikeston between Sikeston High School and Teachers College of Cape Girardeau, which added another victory to the list for Sikeston, the score being 30 to 5.

The local quintets played a game that was noted for its speed and teamwork. The everlasting bulldog tenacity was shown by the team throughout the game. Crain, the unexcelled forward, was, perhaps the star of the evening as he executed especially good floor work and had the same spirit that he carried with him thru the last two football seasons. Coach Lingle, in the second half, after seeing the victory with our boys, substituted Stubbs, Lancaster and Bomber.

FORMER GOVERNOR OF MISSOURI DIES

St. Louis, January 10.—Lon V. Stephens former governor and state treasurer of Missouri and nationally known in Democratic circles, died at his home here today from heart trouble. He was 64 years old. He served as State Treasurer from 1890 to 1897 and was governor from 1897 to 1901. It is said he was the first native Missourian to be elected governor. Mr. Stephens was interested in several banking and mercantile establishments.

First Baptist Church

9:30—Sunday School. Classes for all ages and grades.

11:00—Morning worship. Good spiritual singing led by choir. The pastor will speak from Rom. 1:8. "I thank my God through Jesus Christ that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world."

6:30—B. Y. P. U. meets for Bible Study and social worship.

7:30—Evening worship. Song service followed by sermon by pastor. Let us all go to the House of the Lord and be glad and make others glad.

REV. S. P. BRITE, Pastor.

Patriots stand for re-enforcement of law.

The load of horses and mules sold at the John A. Matthews wagon yard Saturday sold at a very low price. They were shipped from the St. Louis stock yards.

It isn't always the largest package that contains the most values. It is said one drop of prussic acid on a cat's tongue will kill the animal before it can bat its eye. Same way with a newspaper. It is the contents that counts. Frequently an inch paragraph gets results far beyond expectations. Read The Standard.

In last week's issue of The Standard, the editor says he was shown a letter from Tom Scott, Deputy Sheriff of Scott County, asking to have Steve Riddle to be held to the circuit court under \$1000.00 bond. But he failed to state who handed him the said letter. I am the lad who handed the letter to The Standard man. Billy Kirkendall, the high sheriff, is the lad who accepted the \$300 cash bond and I don't think Billy is not scared a little bit as the editor intimates. I know I am not.—J. C. Lescher.

NEGRO RESTAURANT AGAIN DYNAMITED

A few years ago Dr. E. J. Malone erected an unsightly shack, on the lot owned by him on the corner by the Hotel Marshall into which he put a negro restaurant keeper. This joint was, and is, unsightly, unsanitary and dangerous to the surrounding property. A few months thereafter some inexperienced patriot placed a stick of dynamite under the back door and touched it off. The result was not what was hoped for and little damage was done to the pile of old tin and lumber. The negroes in charge took the hint that such a roost was not wanted in that locality and left the city. Instead of the City Council condemning the shack and having it torn away, Dr. Malone was permitted to repair same and have it ready for another renter. For months it was idle, but with the influx of negro families from the South to this section to go on farms to raise cotton, Dr. Malone got another negro renter who started a barber shop and eating place in his building.

Tuesday night at the dead hour of 12:00 when goblins and spooks are supposed to walk, an explosion occurred in this same restaurant at about the same spot with no better results. A hole 18x20 inches was torn through the second hand tin on top, window glass broken, paper and dirt scattered all over the room, but the old building still stands as a monument to progressiveness of the builder.

The dynamiting of this safe-shack the second time should be a hint that no negro restaurant is wanted in such a prominent place and Dr. Malone should take the hint and remove the dangerous and unsightly pile of old lumber and old tin from the prominent place it occupies.

The blowing up of any building anywhere is a very dangerous piece of business that should not be tolerated, for if the perpetrators get away with it this time they may try it on a better building some other time.

No disturbance of any sort has been reported from this shack since the dynamiting and no blame should be placed on the renters. If censure is made it should be directed towards the man who would stick such a joint under the nose of the public.

VISITORS AT THE CATHOLIC RECTORY

Visitors to Sikeston during the past week were the Rev. P. J. Dooley and W. A. Stock of St. Louis. They stopped at St. Francis Xavier's Rectory, the guests of the pastor, Father Woods.

Since the return of Father Woods from the United States Army, where he served as Chaplain during the late war, he has been engaged in Social Welfare, making his headquarters at Holy Name parish in North St. Louis. His work in this capacity brought him into close contact with all classes, winning their confidence and esteem.

Father Woods as delighted with his promotion to Sikeston and much impressed by the progressive activities of the city.

Rev. P. J. Dooley has succeeded to the post of Social Service Work in Holy Name parish. W. A. Stock is president of the Stock Undertaking Co., and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is a hard matter to keep all the Blantons down. Harrison Blanton and two brothers, Warrne and Earne, are in jail at Catlettsburg, Ky., for killing Paul Herron, who killed Paw Blanton. We don't know whether they are white or black, but believe they are in bad.

All Government is a Republic, rests upon obedience to law. Disregard for law tears down the very basis of Free Government. It is gratifying that most citizens whether they approve of prohibition or not are observing the prohibition law. Disregard for law is the foundation of anarchy.—Joseph Daniels.

More than 500 farmers and breeders raising all kinds of domestic animals answered questions sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture and from these replies it has been determined that these men consider pure breeds 40 per cent better from a utility standpoint than common stock. They say that off-spring of pure breeds are worth practically 50 per cent more in sale value than the offspring of grades and scrubs. Also, pure breeds were found in nearly all cases to be more readily salable.

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ers at the April, 1923, election.We are authorized to announce Jno.
H. Goodin of Benton for Superintend-
ent of Schools of Scott County, sub-
ject to the will of the voters at the
April, 1923, election.Women of the United States wear
more than 1,600,000 styles of shoes.
This accounts for the 1,600,000 rea-
sons why women are hard to please
in selecting shoes.Skeston has a real negro flapper.
She is maroon color, wears knee
length brown dress, uses rouge, hair
a la Pompadour, sways and twists
as she ambles down the streets and
a lays and is the apple of the eye of
every buck in town. She's a cutter!Whisperings of probable failure of
business houses never helped any
community and will not help yours.
The same can be said of the choice
morsels of gossip that is floating
around. It will not hurt the man, but
may put the finishing touches to the
girl. Think of the fable of the fox
and the grapes, and forget it.The Caruthersville Republican is
for sale, the editor, Katherine Yeater
Smith, gives as a reason the ill health
of her husband. It is Republican in
politics and the only Republican pa-
per in the county. The Standard will
not lose Mrs. Smith as she is a
no mean ability.A bill designed to help break up
bootlegging by making the buyer of
outlaw liquor equally guilty with the
seller was introduced Saturday by
Representative Upshaw, Democrat, of
Georgia, who recently charged in the
House that public officials did not all
practice what they preach in regard
to prohibition. If such a law should
be passed it would have a tendency to
take away the market of the boot-
legger. The man who buys the illegal
liquor is encouraging law breaking
and is equally guilty.The meanest man ever in town has
just been discovered in Skeston.
Without using names, the story goes
that a well established bootlegger
who has been delivering wholesale to
local retailers, had a supposed stran-
ger approach his car on the road north
of Skeston a few evenings ago and
display some sort of metal check that
was taken for a policeman's badge.
The wholesaler believing he was about
to be arrested, fled into the adjoining
field and made good his escape. That
was just what the retailer was after.
He at once got into the abandoned car
and drove it to town where he
confiscated 28 gallons of hooch with-
out paying a cent and the wholesaler
is in no position to have him arrested
for stealing."Harding Is Deeply Concerned Over
Turn of Events in Europe", is the
sare head over an article in Sunday's
Globe-Democrat. And will he may be.
It was the actions of he and his po-
litical cohorts who refused to enter
the League of Nations that caused
conditions in Europe to be as they are.
On top of the President's anxiety
comes the news that Jim Reed has
put through a resolution asking that
all United States troops now in Ger-
many be brought home. Instead of
this resolution, if one had been passed
asking to have five army divisions
made ready to back France in her de-
mands for payment from Germany,
the effect would have been to settle
matters in that country. Germany
took all the horses, cows, sheep, goats
and other live stock in occupied
France and now howls because she
does not want to restore this stock.
Germany never intended to pay
France the awards given her and for
that reason ran the price of the mark
down to almost zero. Germany was
not destroyed, nor even damaged, in
the war but is the greatest cry-baby
in history. She should be made to
pay or be dissolved as a nation.Happenings of Current Interest
Basis of "Reported Missing" PlotNo better story for motion picture
purposes has ever been utilized than
the tale which forms the basis of "Re-
ported Missing", the Owne Moore
picture which is to be presented at
the Malone Theatre tonight, Friday,
January 12.Richard Boyd (Owen Moore)
comes into possession of the Boyd
Shipping Company by inheritance.
This company has an option on a
huge fleet of ships which is much
sought after by a scheming Oriental
shipping magnate. Young Boyd, who
has been an idler, does not seem to
care whether Oman, the man in ques-
tion gets the ships or not. In fact he
doesn't seem to enjoy anything ex-
cept a good time. The early scenes
showing Boyd after a wild night are
full of laughs. Pauline Dunn, who is
more than ordinarily interested in
Boyd, determines to make him get
down to business. She urges him to
save the ships for America. Boyd
agrees to this and gives his word that
he will exercise his option. This in-
furiates Oman who determines to kid-
nap Boyd. This he does and is com-
pelled to also kidnap Pauline who
raises an outcry when Boyd is spirited
away. The two are put aboard a
ship which goes to sea, with the in-
tention of keeping Boyd out of the
way until the option expires. A storm
comes up and the ship is stranded.Pauline's uncle demands that Oman
return the girl. This the Oriental
agrees to do. He searches for the
lost ship and upon finding it sails for
home in his high powered boat with
the girl aboard. In the meanwhile
young Boyd is rescued by the crew of
a battleship. He gives chase to Oman
in a Navy hydroplane. Oman wins
the race, however, and makes the girl
a captive, hoping to hold her and in
this way make Boyd give him the
option.The young man fearing for the girl,
agrees to do this and goes to Oman's
house to carry out his part of the
bargain. However, on his way he ad-
vises some of his friends from the
battleship of his intentions. They ad-
vise him to fight it out and not give
up his option. With their assistance
he succeeds in getting the better of
Oman. In the fight at the house the
Oriental is killed. Boyd rescues the
girl and later exercises his option.John B. Henderson, Jr., a son of
the late Senator Henderson of Mis-
souri died unexpectedly in Washing-
ton, D. C., Thursday of last week,
following an attack of acute indigestion.
Henderson, a widower, lived with his
mother in "Henderson Castle", one of
the show places of Washington on
Sixteenth street. His business activ-
ity consisted in management of the
large Henderson estate. He is sur-
vived by one daughter, Beatrice, 16.
He was born at Louisiana, Mo.A man in Gratz, Austria, who had
hanged himself from a tree, was cut
down by a farmer. During the opera-
tion one of his legs was broken caus-
ed by his landing in a ditch. He sued
the farmer for hospital expenses. The
lower court granted his demand. The
superior court, however, considered
that the farmer had done a good turn
to the man who wanted to die, and
his duty as a Christian citizen. The
higher court held that he could not be
held responsible for the consequences
of his act and denied the would-be
suicide his claim.A perusal of the books in the office
of Recorder Lee J. Welman reveals
the fact that a large volume of busi-
ness was handled there during the
twelve months that closed last Sunday.
Besides the many little things that
are required of the recorder, and also
the hundreds of instruments not listed
here, we found that the following
had been recorded: Six wills, nine
corporation deeds, five hundred thirty-
three warranty deeds, twenty-six
sheriff's deeds, one executor's deed,
thirty trust deeds, ninety-six quit
claim deeds, five guardian deeds, six
administrator deeds, one deed of
adoption and three hundred ninety-
three chattel mortgages.—Benton
Democrat.Newspapers should not be taken be-
cause the editor can be wound around
your finger. Such an editor isn't
worth the powder to blow him over
the fence. You should be big enough
to take a paper that is worth taking,
regardless of whether or not you can
control its editor. Newspapers should
be sold on merit. If a paper is worth
the price, you will find it a good in-
vestment to subscribe. If it is not
worth the price, you are a fool to
take it. It makes no difference whether
or not you like the editor. The pub-
lisher who has nothing more than a
controllable disposition will not
give you much value for your money.
Also, he will be as easily controlled
by your adversary as by yourself.
Therefore, tie up to the editor who
runs his own business.—Humboldt,
Iowa, Republican.

When I Was A Boy

B. F. Blanton in Paris Appeal

When I was a boy the lovely girls
in the country were rosy cheeked,
beautiful girls as over wore petticoats,
and their lovely complexions were
their own flesh and blood and not
bought at drug stores. They had never
heard of rouge, lip sticks or pow-
der puffs in those good old happy days.
But I am not kicking against the
use of any of the many beautifiers
now in use. I believe women ought
to use everything to make themselves
lovely. But now I think the girls of
today are as good and as pretty as
the girls of the past, while the chil-
dren—9, 10 or 12 years of age—are
much smarter than when I was a
boy. They ought to be, as they have
opportunities now that were never
dreamed of away back in the past.When I was a boy the country was
free from the so-called "reformers"
who talk reform for what they get out
of it. This is a pleasant thing for me
to think of, for now the country is
overrun with reformers of all sorts
and kinds. But I have an idea that if
the big salary they draw was cut off
they would let the people go to the
dogs or to the devil.When I was a boy there were no
machines of any kind in use, either
in town or country. There were no
sowing machines, washing machines,
threshing machines, anywhere in Cen-
tral Missouri. Neither were there any
railroads, telegraphs, telephones, elec-
tric lights, wireless, flying machines,
automobiles or anything that is so
common now. I am speaking of coun-
try life in Central Missouri as it was
when I was a boy.When I was a boy there was not a
dentist in a single town in Central
Missouri that I ever heard of. If any-
one had a tooth that ached and had
to be pulled, he went to a doctor, who
generally pulled the tooth just before
the man died. Their instruments were
of the crudest kind and would not be
used by any dentist now. But tooth-
ache was a rare thing in those days,
as people's teeth were better than
they are now. I do not know why
teeth are so bad now, unless it is
caused by the present generation eat-
ing too much candy and sweets. There
was not a tooth brush in the country
at that time. Fact is, people did not
know there was such a thing as a
tooth brush or tooth paste. But it is
very different now, when so many
people are using store teeth.When I was a boy going to school
it was the custom just before Christ-
mas Day to plan some way to make
the teacher treat the scholars. I re-
member on one occasion the boys at
play time fastened the door while the
teacher was out and refused to let him
in unless he agreed to treat, but he
got in at one of the windows and made
everyone take their seat. Then he sat
down and the big boys closed in on
him and picked him up and carried
him to the spring and were just in the
act of ducking him when he agreed to
treat and sent some boys to a farm
house and bought two bushels of ap-
ples. That made every kid happy, as
they had won a victory over the teach-
er. Oh, yes, he was a man teacher,
as no one then thought a woman knew
enough to teach school.The man who said honesty was
the best policy never tried telling an
ugly girl how she looked.A North Missouri editor says he
saw this on a moss-grown tombstone:
"Here lies our wife, Samantha Proctor,
who ketched a cold and wouldn't
doctor. She couldn't stay, she had to
go; praise Him from whom all bless-
ings flow".All criminals lie, but rare is the
man who can stick to a lie," says
Michael Hughes, Chicago's detective
chief. "We find a liar will tell a dif-
ferent version of the same story to
almost everyone. So we lead a suspect
into telling lies, then we check him up
and finally, in his mental confusion the
truth comes out."Exemption of any kind of income
from taxation is wrong in principle.
It works to create a class of income
recipients who have no direct concern
with the fiscal policy of the Govern-
ment. Taxes may rise or fall; it is
all one to them. If theory, to be sure,
they pay for the privilege what it is
worth. They accept a smaller income
than they might otherwise command.
In theory the tax-free nobles and
clergy of the ancient regime in France
had paid for their privileges. Never-
theless those privileges became so
onerous in time that they represented
one of the chief objects of revolution-
ary attack. In the United States the
tax-free privilege presents a vice pe-
culiar to our form of government. The
investor buys his tax-free privilege
from the state; the logs of revenue
falls to the Federal Government. The
case for a constitutional amendment
limiting the states' right to grant tax
exemption is a strong one.—New Re-
public.30 TO 50 MILES AN HOUR
COMMON SPEED FOR BIRDSCertain species of hawks have a
speed of 200 feet a second, or about
136 miles an hour, says the Biological
Survey of the United States De-
partment of Agriculture. This might
be a suitable rate for a racing air-
plane. The vaneback duck can fly
from 130 to 160 feet a second, but
its usual rate of 60 to 70 miles an
hour would be pretty fast to be un-
joyable in a plane making a pleas-
ure trip.The crow is the least rapid of a
list of 22 migratory birds, flying an
insignificant average of 45 feet a
second, or 30 miles an hour. Of
course this speed maintained steadily
in an automobile would mean a very
fair rate of progress, defying the
speed laws in many communities.
Most of the birds listed, however, do
better than the crow. Curlews and
jacksnipes can fly 55 and 65 feet a
second, while quails, prairie chickens
and ruffed grouse can make 75 feet.
The dove can reach a speed of 100
feet a second, or 68 miles an hour,
although its usual rate is less. Red-
heads, blue-winged teal, green-wing-
ed teal, Canada geese, and different
varieties of brant can fly over 100
feet per second, ranging in speed from
68 to 98 miles an hour, but usually
fly at a much slower rate.If a man isn't nice to his wife's
women friends, she says that of
course he wouldn't like anybody she
likes; and if he is nice to them, she
says that it's a pity he can't show
as much politeness to his own wife,
and if—oh, well, he can't beat the
game, anyhow!While in Cape Girardeau Friday af-
ternoon, the editor had the pleasure of
being shown through the Southeast
Missourian office by Fred and George
Naebert. It can safely be said that it
is the best equipped newspaper and
job office to be found between St.
Louis and Memphis. It was a pleas-
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tors.DR. V. D. HUNTER
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SKESTON, MO.PROPOSES STABILIZATION
OF FARM PRODUCT PRICESWashington, January 3.—Govern-
ment stabilization of prices for farm
products is the object of a bill intro-
duced today by Senator Ladd, Repub-
lican, North Dakota, and referred to
the Senate Agriculture Committee,
which also has pending another bill by
Senator Ladd for government price
fixing of certain agricultural products.
Senator Ladd's new bill would create
an American stabilization corporation
with \$100,000,000 capital, all subscrib-
ed by the government, to buy from
producers and sell to consumers cer-
eals, sugar, cotton and wool.The corporation would operate
warehouses and have power to prohib-
it exports of farm products when
domestic needs required them.Thomas Monan, former chief of po-
lice at Skeston is now employed as
special officer for the Frisco at Chaf-
fee, and is here this week assisting
Scott Carey in the discharge of his
duty as special agent over this dis-
trict.—Caruthersville Democrat.The maximum area infested by the
brown-tail moth in New England has
been reduced 67 per cent, according to
the annual report of the entomologist
of the United States Department of
Agriculture. The maximum spread
was in 1914, when over 38,000 square
miles was infested, including portions
of all the New England States and the
eastern end of Long Island, N. Y. Now
this insect is known to be present only
in Maine, New Hampshire, and Mas-
sachusetts.


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S. E. MISSOURI FARMERS
TRIPPLED EARNINGS IN 1922Poplar Bluff, Mo., January 4.—De-
spite heavy floods last spring, farm-
ers in Southeast Missouri report that
they have made on the average of
three times as much money in 1922
than in any previous year. The pros-
perity, it was said, was due to cot-
ton, more than 175,000 bales being
raised, bringing in excess of \$21,000,-
000.On some days several banks in
Southeast Missouri stayed open all
night to handle the cotton business
and one bank doubled its deposits in
two months.About 150,000 bales were ginned in
Missouri, and 25,000 sent to gins in
Arkansas. The average yield in cash
an acre was estimated at
\$109.Mrs. J. H. Tyer has 48 Buff Or-
pington hens at her home on South
Kingshighway and Sunday they laid
24 eggs.

Addressed to Progressive Merchants in this Community

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Poland China Dispersion Sale

Tuesday, February 27, 1923

At McCord Bros. Sales Barn
SKESTON, MISSOURIThe Elm Grove Herd of Poland China hogs will be sold at
public auction for cash at above date and place.The offering consists of 15 tried sows, 20 spring gilts, 25
summer and fall gilts and 3 boars.These sows are from the best blood lines obtainable in
the country while the gilts are the offsprings of the sows
and sired by Col. Pickett, Julius Caesar and The Son of
Pan. The boars to be sold are Julius Caesar, The Son
of Pan and a young boar out of a Yankee sow and by The
Son of Pan.This sale is made necessary because Milton and Ben
Blanton are still in school and a shortage of feed and
finances call for it. The boys will continue with their
farm and retain their plant with six sows and gilts and
one boar and hope to come again at some future date.
This is going to be a real offering and a description of
animals will be printed later.

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GOULD PLAN TO SOLVE PROBLEM

G. W. Gould, formerly of Sikeston, and now a banker at Kewanee, Ill., has come into national prominence because of his plan for solving the agricultural problem in this county. His plan in a word is to have the War Finance corporation finance grain shipments abroad.

Mr. Gould's plan, which has attracted wide notice, and which he has urged upon the administration at Washington personally, is discussed in an article in Thursday's Chicago Tribune. A writer, Frank Ridgway, contributes the following:

Grain dealers throughout the middle west are becoming deeply concerned over the foreign credit bill which is now before congress. The bill, if passed, will give the War Finance corporation the authority to put into operation the principals of the so-called Gould plan, originated by W. E. Gould, a banker of Kewanee, Ill.

This plan, according to grain dealers in some of the principal grain marketing centers, is the only practical plan now advanced which will assure fair prices abroad for American foodstuffs, and in fact, offers the only means by which American grains can be assured any market at any price in foreign countries.

George E. Marcy, Chicago, president of the Armour Grain company, said: "There is no doubt but what if this plan to give foreign credit against sales of United States foodstuffs is adopted by congress it will cause United States surplus of foodstuffs to be sold abroad at good, fair prices and will have a tendency to keep prices of grain up—possibly put them higher, not only for this crop but for the coming crop."

"It would enable the United States to dispose of her surplus ahead of Argentina, Austria, India and Canada, on account of giving credits," added Mr. Marcy.

It is the opinion of George A. Roberts, a prominent grain man of Omaha, Neb., that "the G. W. Gould plan which is practically the same as the Norris bill, is the only solution that will give 100 per cent benefit to agriculture." He has considered carefully the many bills that have been recently introduced in congress in the interest of agriculture.

It is the only bill introduced so far, he thinks that will benefit the tenant farmer who has no land on which to borrow money and for that class of farmers who already have all the col-

lateral they possess with the war finance board or local banks on money they have already borrowed.

"This class of farmers constitutes the large majority," he said, "and the Gould plan of financing is the only one that will give them 100 per cent relief. I own and operate, directly or indirectly, more than 6,000 acres of farm lands in Nebraska. I am also heavily interested in the banking business in Nebraska, and, having been engaged in the grain business for thirty years, I can truthfully say that the Gould plan or the Norris bill is the only solution for the farmers in our state 42 per cent of them being tenant farmers."

"I do not believe in placing a further burden upon the shoulders of our farmers by loaning them more money," concluded Mr. Roberts, "but they should receive a price for their products that will enable them to pay the debts they already owe."

C. E. Lewis of the grain firm that carries his name in Minneapolis, Minn., says that the problem involved in disposing of our present wheat surplus is far more important to the world at large than it is to us.

"The balance between maximum of supply and minimum of demand, with Russia out of the world, is so closely adjusted that any failure to maintain present acreage in the remaining producing countries can only mean a short bread supply," said Mr. Lewis.

"The only way to maintain acreage is to keep wheat prices at a figure sufficiently attractive to encourage wheat growing. This year Europe needs every bushel we have, but financial conditions in central and southeastern Europe make it impossible for the people of those countries to purchase all that they need. Any conservative plan for assisting in tiding them over the coming period until another crop will therefore result not only in maintaining political and industrial stability in Europe, but will encourage continued production of enough bread to meet the requirements of future years."

HENRY ROSS BUYS THE STODDARD MACHINE WORKS

Last Tuesday Henry Ross came over from Sikeston and purchased the Stoddard Machine Works of Wesley McColgan and A. G. Delaney.

We are not informed of the consideration in this purchase, but we are informed that Mr. Ross will assume charge at once, retaining Mr. Glenn MacNeely in the mechanical department.

It will be several weeks before Mr. Ross moves his family here, but says he will eventually do so. We welcome them back to this, their former home.

Mr. Delaney hasn't expressed himself as to his future plans, but hope they will be such as to assure his remaining with us.

This plant is one of the most successful in its line in the city, and enjoys a good business.—Dexter Statesman.

Announcement

E. J. Keith has sold his interest in the Hoosier Land & Investment Co., and, will in the future, co-operate with the Company under an agent's contract.

Hoosier Land & Investment Co., by J. E. Smith, Sr., Secretary.

E. J. KEITH

Misses Hyacinth Sheppard and Elsa Smart spent Sunday in Morehouse with Mrs. E. M. Boswell.

Tom Lett of the Bertrand vicinity was in Sikeston Friday last on business. He reports there will be considerable cotton planted in his neighborhood, though he will plant none.

The editor of The Standard accompanied C. F. Bruton, Fred Howden and Rev. Bradley to Jackson last Friday afternoon. It was a delightful drive over splendid roads. W. F. Schade and Ross Bros. were holding a Poland China hog sale that Bruton and Blanton looked over.

David Harum declared, "There is as much human nature in some folks as in others, if not more." David was right. The official clientele of the great Farm Bureau movement has its share. It has cropped out at intervals, here and there especially since the first fine burst of enthusiasm has dulled, manifested in a tendency to use positions of trust and influence for personal gain and to gratify personal ambitions. We are likely to see more of this spirit as the organization grows older and the critical eye of public appraisement is shifted to other and newer projects. Serving the public is not, as a rule, financially remunerative. And there are other discouraging features, but it is to be hoped that men of high honor and clean purposes will not be lacking to carry the Farm Bureau banner men who will put the reputation and success of the organization well above personal prestige and preferment. Iowa Farm Bureau Messenger.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AND BILLY KID SHOW

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KIDNAPPED MEN WERE TORTURED

Bastrop, La., January 6.—Dr. Chas. W. Duval, New Orleans pathologist, has performed some 6000 autopsies in his professional experience, but never has he had a case in which the subject had been so brutally tortured as in the case of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richards.

"In all my forensic medicine experience," he said, "I have had nothing to equal it. I have read nothing in literature to parallel it."

Dr. Duval would not attempt to describe the probable torture machine that finally brought about the death of the two men.

"It was some kind of a press that gave force from each side, though," he said, "it could not have been flat, in the order of a letter press, as some of the old torture instruments of the barbaric ages were. The peculiar manner in which the bones were broken with almost mathematical precision showed that."

Dr. Duval said the torture rack could have had a shape somewhat similar to that of a human body. It could have been a body-shaped box which had teeth on the side which came in contact with the arms, legs and chest.

If such a box were used, it is probable that the men, one at a time, were placed in it, the lid clamped on and slowly forced down against their bodies.

Meanwhile it is probable that members of the masked mob were standing at their heads, demanding that they "Tell what you know" about the shots supposed to have been fired at Dr. McKoin.

Thus Daniel and Richards died while blood rushed from wounds inflicted on them. Both Dr. Duval and Dr. John A. Lanford were of the opinion that the wounds were inflicted before death. They determined that by noting that the bodies were drained of blood, which would not have occurred if the wounds had been inflicted after death.

The vicious way in which Daniel's body was mutilated and parts amputated was also before death and probably before the other torture, the pathologists believe. After that, which was done with a sharp knife or a razor, Daniel's clothing was rearranged.

THE VAGRANT LAW WILL BE ENFORCED

With the coming of so many negroes to this community and in order to have no race outbreaks of any sort the mayor will have the law officers enforce the vagrancy law now on the books and which is printed below:

Sec. 324.—Vagrants and the Suppression Thereof.—Any male or female person found wandering about from place to place within this city without a settled abode or visible means of support, or any male or female person who shall live idly or who does not make a diligent effort to procure employment when said male or female has no means of support; or any male or female person who shall be found loitering or lounging about or loafing in outhouses, sheds, stables, lumber yards, railroad stations, waiting rooms, freight rooms, warehouses, houses of bad repute or begging from door to door, or who shall be found trespassing on the premises of others, and not giving a good account of themselves, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

The Standard is informed that this law will be enforced and that white men who are in the habit of loafing around town day and night without visible means of support will be looked after. The community has many negro families who have moved to farms who will trade in Sikeston, and they should be cautioned to do their trading and go about their business and they will be given every protection, but no great number of them congregating on corners or in alleys can be given proper protection in case a brick should fall from a house. These negro families are needed if we are to raise cotton and must be protected but the City of Sikeston is not raising cotton and the city cannot absorb more than she now has. The citizens in general should discourage any ugly talk that they may hear and thereby save probable trouble.

Russell Pinnell of New Madrid was a Sikeston visitor Monday.

Mrs. Sarah McVeigh, policewoman in Muskegon, Mich., is not a bit superstitious. She carries police badge No. 13, a number no other officer on the force cared to accept.

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Among the notable professional men of this country who achieved great success along strictly legitimate lines was Dr. R. V. Pierce. Devoting his attention to the specialty of women's diseases, he became a recognized authority in that line.

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KING COTTON IN SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

A staff correspondent of the St. Louis Star recently visited the cotton sections of Southeast Missouri and the following extract will show The Standard readers what the cotton crop of 1922 did for the farmers who planted cotton:

"At Portageville, Mo., in New Madrid County, where there are four gins and a large amount of cotton is ginned and sold, S. S. Thompson, mayor of Portageville, says that the Pitmann gin of that city has ginned more bales of cotton this year than any other in Missouri. He also boasts of the fact that they load 1 on one flat car at Portageville 120 bales of cotton, valued at \$15,000, which was the largest car of cotton ever loaded in the United States. This is verified by the Frisco Railroad.

"They have ginned at Portageville over 10,000 bales of cotton, bales averaging around 500 pounds, and the ginning season not much more than half over. From this point, as well as others, cotton has been shipped in train loads of 30 to 40 flat cars, all loaded with cotton.

"In connection with Thompson's statements, he obtained some statements from the Portageville Bank and the Farmers' Bank at Portageville, which were given to The Star correspondent. The statement of the Farmers' Bank, as of December 1, runs as follows: Capital stock, \$20,000; surplus, \$15,500; deposits, \$452,381.99; bills payable, none; other liabilities, \$10,185.45; total resources amounting to \$454,805.32.

"The statement from the Portageville Bank runs as follows: Capital stock, \$20,000, surplus, \$32,200, deposits, \$394,202.63; total resources, \$449,092.77.

"It is estimated by bankers and business men that New Madrid, Dunklin and Pemiscot County cotton growers may average this year not less than \$100 an acre net.

"At Sikeston, where there never has been a gin, the citizens are planning to put in two or three gins next year. E. C. Matthews, a prominent banker and farmer at Sikeston, has been making investigations in this connection. Green B. Greer has decided to put in a gin. Similar preparations are being made at Charleston, in Mississippi County. It is also possible that gins will be put in at Cape Girardeau to take care of the cotton growers in that section.

"At Caruthersville, a few days ago, 26,000 bales of cotton, worth about \$3,000,000, were piled in one heap near the Mississippi River docks, as overflow from the Caruthersville compress, the only cotton compress in the state. This cotton is to be sent by barge to New Orleans and from there by boat to Fall River, Mass., and Liverpool, England. The watertown of the Caruthersville compress covers about four acres and is completely filled with cotton, while two large fields on either side of the building are covered with thousands of cotton bales."

Jim Arnold, former circuit clerk, was in Sikeston the latter part of the week. He is farming near Benton and trying to make an honest living.

By the time the popular young man has finished buying his Christmas present, it has occurred to him that a husband's Yuletide tax is levied by only ONE woman!

Early Caldwell will put out 30 acres to cotton this spring. Last season he had 20 acres in cotton and was well pleased with his returns. More than 100 acres will be planted on the balance of the farm by other farmers.

It is a wholesome sign that 300 Irish rebels in prison have taken an oath of allegiance to the Free State and agreed to support its Constitution. They were liberated immediately. And it would be unjust to say that the thought of liberty alone actuated them. We believe that they merely have made a confession of the futility of their cause, just as Gen. Lee made a confession of the collapse of the Southern Confederacy at Appomattox. After that hundreds of distinguished men who had fought in the Confederate army made oath of allegiance to the United States, among them Lee himself, Longstreet, Gordon, Beauregard, Early and Cockrell. In civil life Alexander H. Stephens, who had been Vice President of the Confederacy, took the oath, and later renewed it on his election to the Congress of the United States. Many former Confederate soldiers served in Congress and died loyal citizens of the republic. Two of them held high commission in the Spanish-American War—Joseph Wheeler and Fitzhugh Lee. Bowing to the will of the majority is not a cowardly act. The Irish prisoners are to be congratulated, not only upon their liberation, but upon their good sense in accepting the Free State.—New York Telegraph.



The bootlegger and his patron are alike under the skin—they both put their desires above the law.—Col. Dan Morgan Smith.

Word was received in Cape Girardeau of the birth of a son at Oklahoma City, Okla., on December 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith. Mr. Smith was principal of the grade schools and Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Elizabeth Whiteford and taught music in the Sikeston schools.

The Charleston Business Men's League has re-elected S. P. Loebe of the Charleston Times, as president. That organization is endeavoring to get the Missouri Pacific to put on Pullman service from their city to St. Louis via Poplar Bluff. They ask the co-operation of Sikeston and Dexter. This surely would be a great convenience to the traveling public.

The story concerns the daughter of a Spanish mother and an American father, in the mythical Spanish State of Chinora, who falls in love with Sandy Buchanan, the American engineer in charge of the oil wells on the MacDonald estate. Her aunt, Countess de Elberca, has other plans for her. She wants Mercedes to marry the young Duke of Othomo, whose fortunes are at a very low ebb and who is wanted in Spain for offenses against the government. The Duke and his uncle, Don Felipe de Cristobal, plot to kill Buchanan, but with the aid of an American circus troupe he routs his enemies and wins the girl.

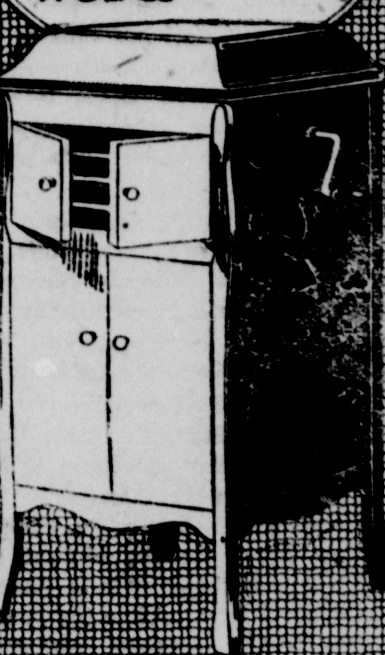
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LOCAL AND PERSONALS FROM NEW MADRID

T. F. Henry made a business trip to Caruthersville Tuesday.

E. J. Keith of Sikeston was a business visitor in New Madrid Saturday.

Ruskin Cook of Sikeston was in New Madrid Monday transacting business.

Counselor J. R. Brewer of Caruthersville was in our city on business, Tuesday.

Murray Phillips left Sunday night for St. Louis to attend the St. Louis university.

Attorney Robert S. Rutledge of Malden made a business trip to New Madrid Friday.

Judge R. K. Miller of Portageville was at the County Seat Monday looking after business.

Leslie Fox of Charleston was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Quintis Richards last Thursday.

W. S. Willhite of Mt. Carmel, Ill. was in New Madrid Tuesday looking after land interests.

W. W. Blodoe and E. D. De Field of East Prairie were business visitors in New Madrid Tuesday.

Miss Frances Brown left Saturday for her home in Charleston, after a visit with friends in New Madrid.

Miss Margaret Mary Hunter left Sunday night for St. Louis to resume her studies at Loretta Convent.

Miss Annie Howard was a St. Louis visitor last week in the interest of the Howard & Dawson Millinery Store.

Miss Dorothy Riley left Sunday to resume her studies at St. Mary's in the Woods Convent at St. Marys, Kansas.

Attorney Harry C. Blanton and little daughter, Rosemary, of Sikeston, spent several hours in New Madrid Friday.

Mrs. Jesse Broughton was called to Cairo Monday by the serious illness of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. M. Broughton.

James A. Jackson, Remington Type writer man of Cape Girardeau, made his usual business trip to New Madrid last week.

James Bloomfield and Richard Phillips left the latter part of the week for St. Louis as students of St. Louis University.

Misses Evelyn Hunter and Lucille and Virginia Frances left Sunday night for St. Louis to attend Visitation Convent in St. Louis.

Mrs. Herbert Jameson returned last week from Blytheville, Ark., where they were called by the illness of Mr. Jameson's father.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Schaffer of South Bend, Indiana, arrived Friday on a visit to the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Knott of this city.

At a recent meeting of the Board of Aldermen, R. L. Jones was appointed City Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. S. Hummel.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis B. Riley left Monday in response to a message that their grandson, Paul Mueller, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mueller of Jackson, was very ill.

Mrs. L. L. Meier, W. R. Pinnell and Misses Laura Digges and Mary Waters were guests of Mrs. Jesse Broughton of the Marston neighborhood, last Thursday.

Floyd S. Hummel left Sunday night for St. Louis, where he has accepted a position with Shaw State Bank of that city. New Madrid people regret very much to lose one of their home boys.

Mrs. A. P. Callahan and little daughter, Margaret Jane, left last week for their home in Shreveport, La., after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Pkey, of the Conron neighborhood.

Mrs. Floyd S. Hummel was hostess to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club on Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Paul Hummel of Charleston. Mrs. Shap R. Hunter, Jr., made the highest score and was presented with a beautiful box of stationery. After the game an elegant turkey luncheon was served.

Miss Evelyn Hunter entertained last Friday evening with an informal dance in honor of her visiting cousins, Misses Lucille and Virginia Frances of St. Louis. The out-of-town guests were Messrs. George Marable, Clarence Johnson and Edward Coon, of Charleston; Charles Blanton, Jr., Dick Stubbs, Louis Scott of Sikeston. At a late hour refreshments of sandwiches and punch were served.

A number of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Moore gave them a little surprise party Monday evening, January 8, at their country home several miles north of town. The event was in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Moore's twentieth wedding anniversary and the time was spent in dancing, after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moore and little Miss Lena Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamp-

HOSTILE ASSEMBLY WORRIES GOV. HYDE

Jefferson City, Jan. 4.—Gov. Hyde is having tough luck with his appointees, as the Republican State administration is endeavoring to strengthen the weak spots to resist undue scrutiny by the hostile Legislature now in session, for James A. Finch of New Madrid, State Oil Inspector, has resigned and the Governor has discharged W. H. Crouch of Bethany, secretary of the Bureau of Mines and Mine Inspection.

Finch quit because of the demands of his private business upon his time, Gov. Hyde said, but it is known that a number of Democratic Senators, who constitute 19 of the 34 in the Senate, had determined to oppose confirmation of Finch because the inspector has been here seldom during his term. In this, however, he has followed an example set by Democrats who previously held the place.

Crouch was discharged by Gov. Hyde because the mining bureau secretary had withheld \$210 from the salary of Miss Eva Smart of Jefferson City, stenographer in the Mining Bureau, and appropriated it to his own use. Crouch said he did this with the full consent of Miss Smart, who has a different view of it.

Miss Smart did not want to discuss the case, but it is known she had told the officials that when she went to work in the bureau, 13 months ago, she understood she was to have \$75 a month. The next month she was advanced to \$80 and the third month to \$85, and Crouch had told her that after the first year she was to get \$100. She was always paid in cash, although the State law provides that the Auditor shall issue warrants to each individual for his salary, and that the State Treasurer shall pay cash for these warrants to whoever presents them, for they are made out to the individual "or bearer." Miss Smart did not know about the warrant which were for \$100 each.

Crouch said he had done the stenographer's work for four months before Miss Smart was appointed, and that he agreed with her, when she came that he was to have part of the salary at first, to compensate him for the extra work he had done in that way.

"The first month I paid her \$75, the second, \$80, and then \$85," Crouch said, "and I had intended to pay her the full \$100 from the first of the year. I had no intention to take anything that belonged to anyone else. The first I knew that anything was wrong or being misunderstood, was when I was called on the carpet by the Governor. I have agreed to repay all of this money to the young lady. I don't know what she told officials about this matter."

It is reported that this case is receiving attention from the legislative Auditing Committee. In the meantime Everett Richardson of Granby, Southwest Missouri, a deputy mine inspector, is in charge of the Bureau of Mines office.

Finch was appointed State Inspector of Oil a year ago to succeed Todd N. Ormiston of Linneus, after the Senate in 1921 had refused to confirm Ormiston's nomination. Finch has received \$3368.69 in salary from the State.

Gov. Hyde said he had not selected a successor to Finch, and declined to confirm a report that State Game and Fish Commissioner Frank Middleton was being considered for the place.

The editor is mighty proud that his better half is invited to bridge parties and intends to coach her a little as to dealing seconds, from the bottom, and other arts known to old-time card players, in order that she may bring home the bacon sometimes instead of a disappointed look!

FORNFELT BANK ELECT OFFICERS

The stockholders of the First State Bank of Fornfelt, held their annual meeting on the 4th inst. The following directors were elected: A. Baudendistel, E. A. Wells, Emil Steck, Louis Dohogne, Wm. C. Arnold, Chas. Hamm and W. L. Tomlinson.

The following officers were elected: A. Baudendistel, President; E. A. Wells, Vice-President; Emil Steck, Vice-President; W. L. Tomlinson, Cashier; Wendelin A. Georger, Asst. Cashier.

Emil Steck, the newly elected Vice-President, has been cashier of the bank since its organization in 1905, and recently resigned the position in order to give attention to the office of Collector of Revenue, to which office he was elected by the voters of Scott County. Mr. Steck will retain his interest in the bank and, as an officer and director, assist in keeping up the high standard of the bank.

Mr. Tomlinson, the newly elected cashier, has been with the bank for the past nine years and is in every way qualified for the position of cashier.

The directors are all men of many years experience in business and banking, a majority of them having been connected with this bank since its organization.

Farmers Co-operative Cotton Gin Proposed at Parma

At a meeting held at Parma on Thursday, January 4th, a farmers Co-operative Cotton Gin was proposed for that section of the county. About 25 interested farmers were present and they signified their belief that a cotton gin would be best for their town and community. The cotton acreage will undoubtedly be increased and they considered it very necessary to have adequate ginning facilities.

R. C. Allen was appointed temporary chairman and George M. Meier as Secretary of the meeting. A. F. Elhers of New Madrid was present and discussed the cotton gin as proposed. Mr. Elhers gave the history to a similar gin at New Madrid and what service it had rendered to the farmers.

A committee was appointed to subscribe the stock and continue the work in connection with the organization of the gin were: R. W. Baskin, Geo. M. Meier, William Williams, J. L. Allen and R. C. Allen. A subscription list was started and the committee will proceed with the organization.

Mrs. John Simlar was called to Cape Girardeau on account of the illness of Miss Cott.

Mrs. Murray Klein and Miss Camille Klein will entertain with Bridge on Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Richards, R. A. McCord and Miss Lillian Putman went to Perryville Thursday to attend the funeral of Miss Margaret Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Anderson.

The Woman's Club will have their regular meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Tuesday, January 16 at 2:30 p. m. After the business meeting the program for the afternoon will be given.

The Bone property on Prosperity street has been rented by the E. R. Smith family of Cape Girardeau. Mr. Smith will have charge of the new filling station on the corner of Kingshighway and Center street, that is being built by the Sikeston Concrete Construction Co.

Mrs. Robert Law, Mrs. James Moberg, Mrs. Loomis Mayfield, Mrs. Clyde Richards, Mrs. John Fisher, Mrs. Frank Van Horne, Mrs. O. J. Brown, Mrs. Earl Johnson, Mrs. Randal Wilson, Misses Marjorie Smith and Burnice Tanner surprised Miss Mayme Marshall on last Tuesday, going to spend the day and taking lots of good things to eat. On this occasion they decided it would be a tacky party and reports are that if some of the husbands had seen their wives, it would have been grounds for divorce. They all report a jolly good time.

Col. R. L. Harriman and Dallas Tyson sold the Poland China sale at Clarkton for R. E. Dunn on January 3rd. It was a dispersion sale on account of an unsatisfactory tenant on his farm. The sale was made on short notice and sold to some disadvantage such as unbrad gilts and nothing in good sale condition, rough hair, etc. Top was a sow by Revelation going to L. J. Dunn at \$160. A sow and litter by Liberator sold at \$120. A spring boar by Peter Pan sold at \$110 and his litter mate gilts topped the gilt sale. In all, it was considered a good sale and Mr. Dunn was well pleased. The sale terms were cash or 8 months time and practically the entire settlement was made in cash. They say it was "cotton" money. The sale averaged about \$45.00.

NEW MADRID COUNTY REAL ESTATE SALES

W. B. Passmore and wife of Rector, Ark. to A. M. Alley of New Madrid County. A parcel of ground in the city of Parma, adjoining block 4 of Shidder's add. \$500.

George and Bertha Lewis of Libbourn to F. M. Murphy and wife of New Madrid County. All of lots 7 and 8 in block 7 in L. A. Lewis 2nd add. to the city of Libbourn. \$650.

John Ford and wife of Gideon to Ed Perkins of New Madrid County. Lot 10 in block 2 in Sarff's add. to the town of Gideon, New Madrid County. \$500.

A. B. Douglass and wife of Holcomb to E. Marshall of Clay County, Ark. The S½ of SW¼ of NW¼ sec. 11 and the E½ of SE¼ of NW¼ sec. 11 and the W¼ of W¼, SW¼ of NE¼ sec. 11 all in twp. 2. North range 16 except a strip of land containing about 5 acres, lying south of the line extending from the center of sec. 10, twp. 20, range 10, to the junction of Little River and open Bay, containing 45 acres. \$3000.

Jordan Green and wife to Major Wade and wife all of New Madrid. All of the N½ of lot 5 in block 2 in Jno. E. Powell's 4th add. to the city of New Madrid. \$100.

R. W. Barnes and wife to Otto Koch of New Madrid County. 82 acres of land. All of the South half of the NE¼ except a strip of land 25.87 feet in width off the S side of same and 7.575 acres of land, being all that part of the SE¼ of NW¼ lying east of the center line of Otter Slough ditch, except a strip of land 25.37 ft. in width off the S side of same and containing in the aggregate 89.575 acres of land. All in sec. 10, twp. 25 range 13. \$10,301.13.

John C. Heitcock of Morehouse to Harry Black of New Madrid County. The N½ of lot 8 in block 16, also a strip of ground out of the NE corner of lot 11 in block 16 of the city of Morehouse 30 feet long running north and south and 15 feet running east and west. \$1200.

J. W. Wellman and wife of New Madrid County to Abraham and Nancy J. Smith of Stoddard County. All of lots 3 and 4 in block 37 Dixie Woods add to the city of Parma. \$475.

Marriage License

Tolbert Riddle and Etta Ruddle, both of Portageville.

Charles Sackett and Zelma Willie, both of Catron.

Jesse L. Howard and Ruby May Bryant, both of Catron.

Samuel R. Jones and Evelyn Oualey, both of Portageville.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS FROM MATTHEWS

Sheriff Kerr was in Matthews Sunday.

Bo Duckworth has moved his family to Risco.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfeiffer a fine baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz shopped in Sikeston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Swartz visited friends in Charleston, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Daugherty have moved into Mrs. Dimple Gurby's house.

L. Deane and family were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Deane Sunday.

Elvas Oatsvall of Greenway, Ark., is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Morgan.

Judge Steele and wife attended services at the Catholic church in Sikeston Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Swartz and children were all day guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Carroll, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Deane and little daughter Helen were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Steele, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Mainord and children of New Madrid were guests at the G. D. Steele home, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gossitt had as their guests for dinner, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Harper and children.

George Elderbrook gave a dance for the young folks at his home two miles west of Matthews, which was well attended and much enjoyed by the young folks.

Mr. Jenkins has moved his family here from Steele, Mo., and will become one of us. We extend a hearty welcome to this good family. Mr. Jenkins will plant 85 acres of cotton west of town on what is known as the Davis farm.

Rev. Finis Jones is suffering considerably with carbuncles on his head and neck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCord of Oxford, Ind., are the guests of their son, R. A. McCord and family on Gladys street.

Anderson-Inman

Roy Anderson and Miss Effie Inman stole a march on their Sikeston friends when they went to Charleston where they were married by Rev. R. L. Jenkins, Saturday, December 30, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Guthrie were the witnesses.

The young couple intended keeping the wedding a secret for a time but some way the news got into the papers so they gave a clean confession and are receiving congratulations from friends.

Both are well known and highly respected in the community and have hosts of friends who wish them much joy and long life.

Roy is manager of the oil filling station at Malden while Effie is with the Sikeston Concrete Tile Construction Co., where they both will remain for the time being.

Mrs. Charles Clark, who has been here since before the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Chambliss, left Wednesday morning for her home in Cleve, Ohio.

Chillicothe Business College last week furnished one of our leading ladies' collegues with a shorthand teacher and has just placed another student in charge of the Commercial Department in one of our state institutions.

Everybody is ready to sustain the law he likes, that is not in the proper sense respect for law or order. The test of respect for law is where the law is upheld even though it hurts.—Chas. E. Hughes, Sec. of State.

Mrs. M. A. Arterburn has 12 hens setting at this time and an incubator with 240 eggs going. She keeps nothing but Buff Orpingtons and says she can hardly remember a day when they did not get eggs.

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Telephone 124.

HOTEL FOR SALE—Reasonable, 24 rooms. Only first class hotel in town of 4000. Reason for selling, sickness.—Mrs. J. R. Ragsdale, Chaffee, Mo. 3t

LOST—Between Sikeston and Charleston Wednesday afternoon pocket-book containing about \$10 in cash. Book folded and had mirror in same. Finder advise Mrs. H. C. Blang, Sikeston, and receive reward.

MALONE THEATRE

WEEK OF JANUARY 15

Nights 7:15 O'clock

Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 15 & 16

Wallace Reid, Agnes Ayres and May McAvoy in

"Clarence"



Booth Tarkington's great American comedy.

Also one reel comedy 20c - 40c

They All Fall For Clarence

CLARENCE is the big genial hero of the greatest American comedy ever written. A love story that turns the laughlight upon the average American home. New York roared over it for two years on the stage. Now, with three stars in the leading roles, it's funnier than ever on the screen.

A Paramount Picture

Wednesday, Jan 17

William Duncan and Edith Johnson in

"No Defense"

Also News 10c and 20c

Thursday, Jan. 18

"A Stroke of Midnight"

A Metro Feature

Also Movie Chat 10c and 20c

Friday, Jan. 19

Douglas Fairbanks in

"His Majesty The American"

One of his fast-going pictures, full of thrills and comedy and romance

Also Buster Keaton in a two reel comedy

"The Goat"

And Fables 10c and 30c

Saturday, Jan. 20

Buck Jones in

"Trooper Oneil"

Also Timber Queen No. 6

Matinee 2:30 Night 7:25 10c and 20c

Coming: Mae Murray in

"Fascination"

Jan. 22 and 23

Ah, How Juicy Tender!

THAT'S the expression that usually accompanies the first forkful of meat purchased from our shop. Not only is it palatable, but contains all of the nourishment that nature put into it. Our meats are purchased daily, giving you an assurance of its high quality. The economical housewife makes ours her Meat headquarters.

Sellards Meat Market

PHONE 48

Mules For Sale

We have received a car load of good mules purchased at Fredericktown that we will trade or sell to those in need of them. Sound and guaranteed. See them at the barn.

MCCORD BROS.

Sikeston, Mo.

FOR SALE

Seventeen (17) shares Semo Development Oil Stock. A bargain; desire to close a bankrupt estate. Inquire of

H. C. BLANTON

SIKESTON, MO.